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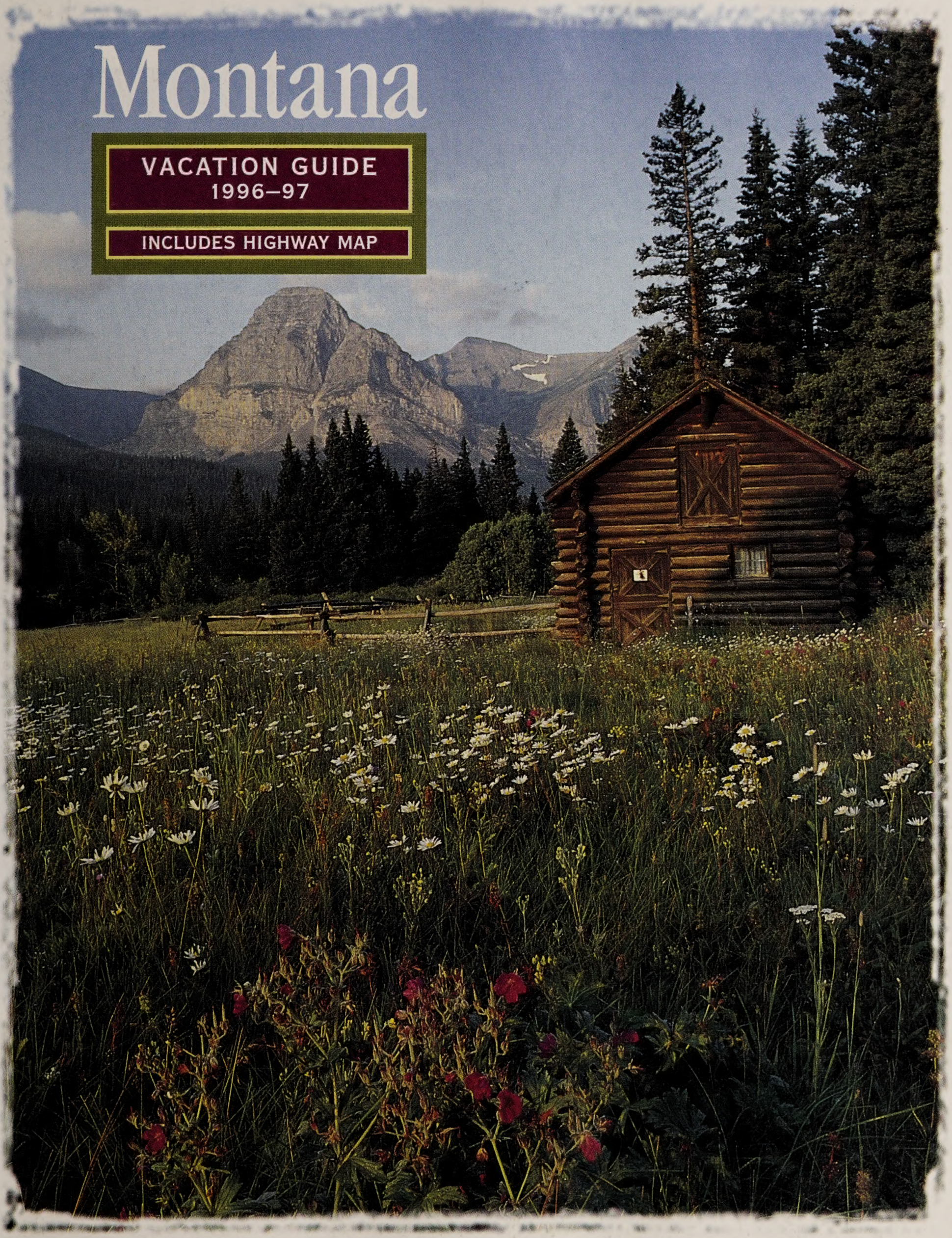

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Montana invites you TO TAKE THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME. RETRACE THE FOOTSTEPS OF PRESIDENT JEFFERSON'S FAMED LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION. EXPLORE A LANDSCAPE THAT STILL SUPPORTS AMERICA'S WILDEST CREATURES. DISCOVER GLACIERS AND GEYSERS, WILDERNESS AND WILD RIVERS.

MONTANA IS OUR NATION'S FOURTH-LARGEST STATE. YET, IN TERMS OF POPULATION, WE'RE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SMALL AMERICAN CITY—LESS THAN A MILLION. THAT LEAVES PLENTY OF ELBOW ROOM, SO *take your time in exploring* OUR MOUNTAINS AND PRAIRIES, OUR LAKES, RIVERS AND STREAMS, OUR FRIENDLY CITIES AND TOWNS, OUR PARKS, HISTORY AND CULTURE. MONTANA'S BELOVED COWBOY ARTIST, *Charlie Russell, put it best* WHEN HE SAID, "WHEN YOU COME TO TOWN DON'T FORGET OUR LATCHSTRING IS ON THE OUTSIDE."

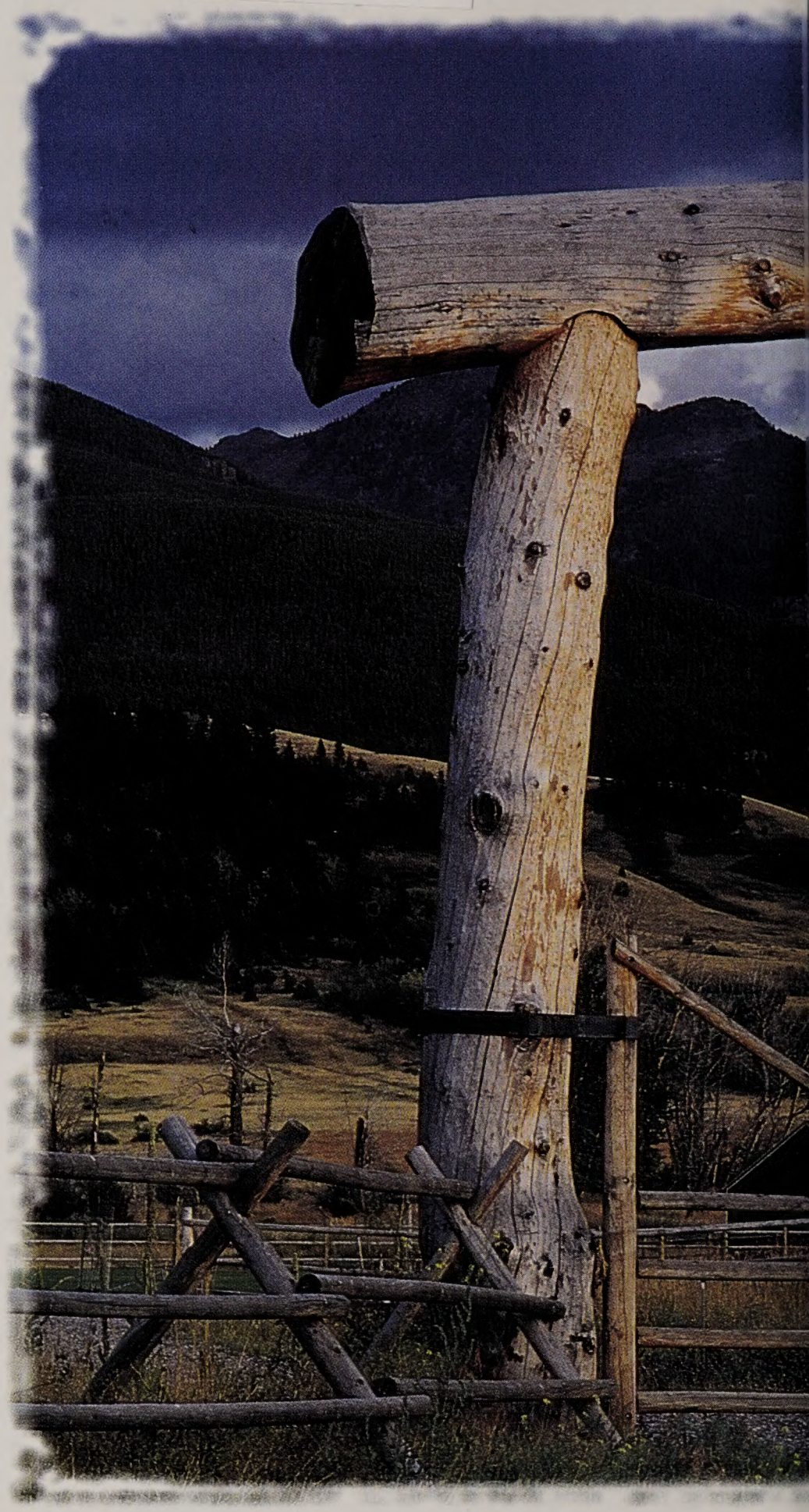
Welcome.

Marc Racicot

GOVERNOR MARC RACICOT

TRAVIS SMITH

GOVERNOR MARC AND THERESA RACICOT



MONTANA

MONTANA'S RURAL LANDSCAPES, LIKE THIS ONE IN THE PARADISE VALLEY, ARE A WELCOME SIGHT TO VISITORS.

R. VALENTINE ATKINSON

INDIAN POWWOW HEADDRESS. *DONNIE SEXTON*

RAINBOW TROUT. *R. VALENTINE ATKINSON*

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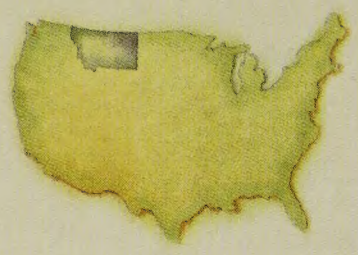

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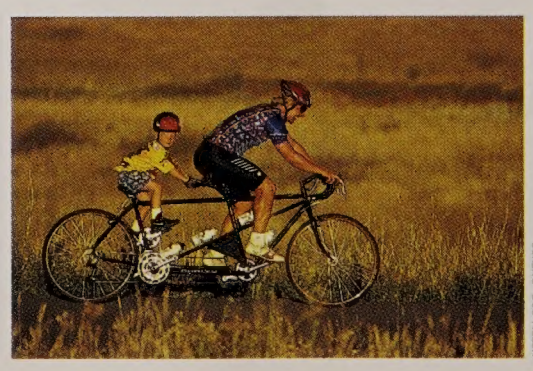


BIKING *BOB ALLEN*

CHUCK HANEY

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE MONTANA EXPERIENCE IS AS REWARDING AS EACH VISITOR MAKES IT. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO MAKE YOUR TRIP MORE ENJOYABLE AND ASSURE A QUALITY EXPERIENCE FOR FUTURE VISITORS. HELP PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE BY LEAVING GHOST TOWNS, MINING CAMPS AND OTHER HISTORICAL ATTRACTIONS INTACT. THE ONLY THINGS THAT

OBSERVING WILDFLOWERS *R. VALENTINE ATKINSON*

SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THESE SITES ARE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS. LEAVE MONTANA'S NATURAL FEATURES AS YOU FIND THEM. PLANTS AND FLOWERS ARE BEST ENJOYED IN THEIR NATURAL STATE. RESPECT THE RIGHTS AND PROPERTY OF OTHERS. ALWAYS GET PERMISSION BEFORE ENTERING PRIVATE LAND. DISPOSE OF TRASH PROPERLY. FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THEIRS, ENJOY WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE. WE'RE KNOWN FOR OUR FRIENDLINESS. RESPECT OUR TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES, AND WE'LL KEEP SMILING. SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY; LOOK FOR THE MADE IN MONTANA LABEL WHEN YOU SHOP.

BISON *DONALD M. JONES*

CENTER: BOWDOIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IS ONE OF NORTHEASTERN MONTANA'S MANY BIRD AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES.

Eye of the Needle is a familiar landmark in the White Cliffs area of the upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River.

WAYNE MUMFORD

JOURNEY

In Montana, travel is a journey of time and space.

It is an end in itself. In water-and-wind-carved canyons, it is a glimpse of eternity. In pristine waters that reflect vast, clear skies, it is cause for hope. In mile-upon-mile of natural landscapes, it is tonic for the world-weary traveler. Montana invites you to leave that world behind and rediscover your soul in Big Sky Country.

BRIDGER MOUNTAIN RANGE JEFFREY DACHOWSKI

The Absaroka Mountains unfold south of Livingston in one of Montana's most memorable landscapes.

DONNIE SEXTON

BITTERROOT MOUNTAINS *MARK LAGERSTROM*

WINTER COMES TO THE FLATHEAD VALLEY.

OPPOSITE: ONE OF MONTANA'S MOST DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES IS THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FRONT, WHERE THE MOUNTAINS MEET THE PLAINS. NILAN RESERVOIR, WEST OF AUGUSTA, LIES AT THE BASE OF THIS MOUNTAIN FRONT.

WAYNE MUMFORD

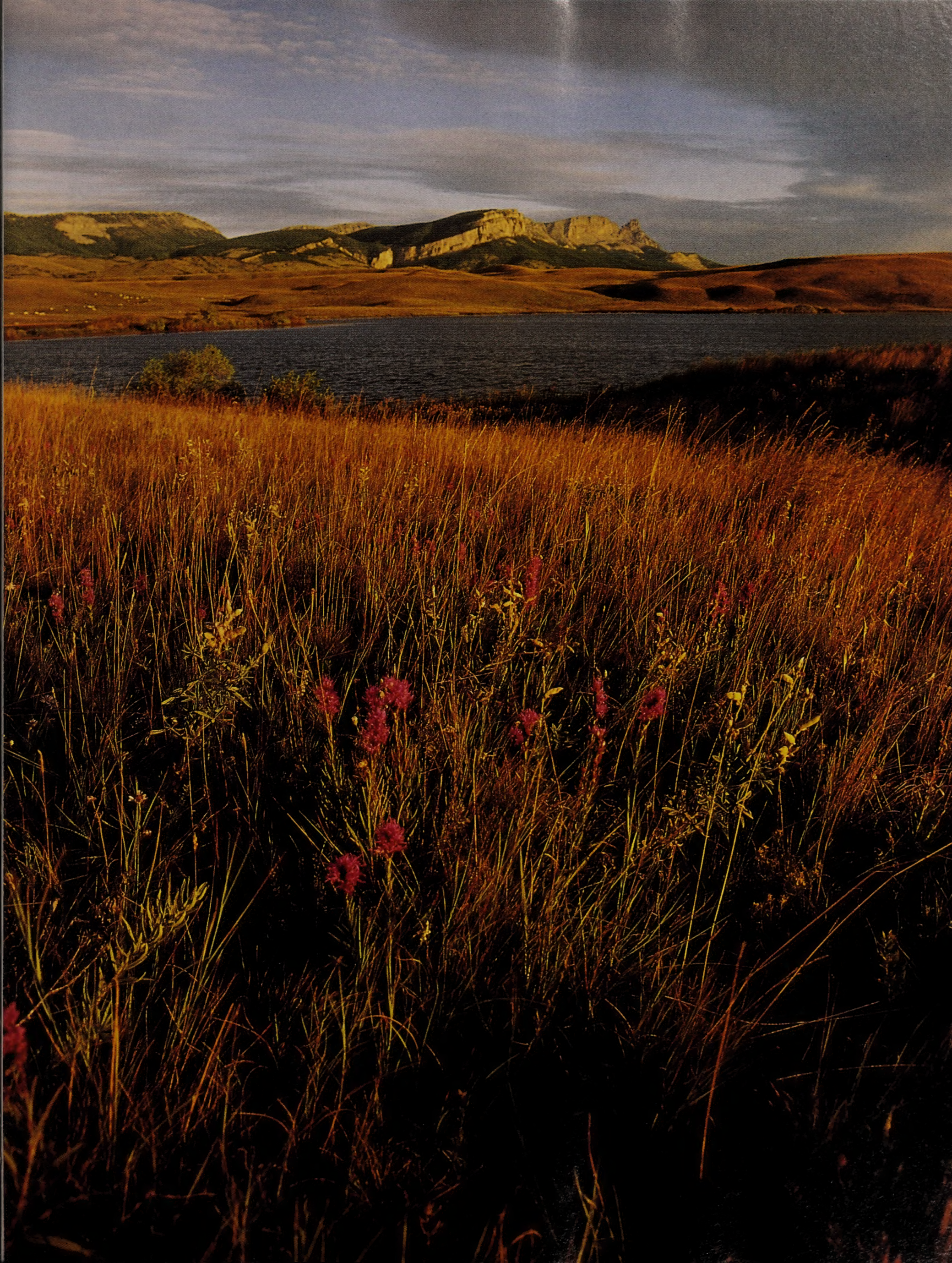
In a land shaped by space and sky, THE VIEWS ARE FOREVER. UNCLUTTERED BY SOCIETY'S DIVERSIONS, MONTANA IS A PLACE TO RECONNECT WITH THE EARTH AND ITS MANY GIFTS. FORESTS AND BADLANDS, RIVER VALLEYS AND DESERTS, ALPINE MEADOWS AND GRASSY PRAIRIES ARE ALL PART OF THE VIEW IN MONTANA. FROM THE EASTERN PLAINS TO THE SKYTOP PEAKS AND MILE-HIGH VALLEYS OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, MONTANA SETS A STAGE OF SWEEPING PROPORTIONS.

VIEWS

WHITETAIL BUCK *NELSON KENTER*

BEAR GRASS *PHIL FARNES*

DOUG DYE



To the Sioux Indians, Makoshika meant "bad earth." Makoshika State Park near Glendive, is one of over 40 state parks in Montana.

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

PARKS

Montana's parks and protected lands range from the heavenly peaks of Glacier National Park to the fiery caldrons of Yellowstone. In between are national forests and battlefields, historic ranches, canyons, wildlife preserves and a state park system that

BANNACK DAYS *DONNIE SEXTON*

FLATHEAD LAKE *SCOTT SPIKER*

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK IS REVERED AS THE "CROWN OF THE CONTINENT."

DOUG DYE

PROTECTS THE BEST OF MONTANA: GHOST TOWNS, BADLANDS, BUFFALO JUMPS AND A RANGE OF QUALITY RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. MONTANA HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS ONE GIANT PARK. BUT IT'S NOT TRUE. MONTANA'S LANDSCAPE AND HISTORY ARE TOO VARIED TO BE CONFINED TO JUST ONE!

BISON, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK *CAROL POLICH*

Mountain goats are one of many wildlife species that thrive in Montana.

BARBARA THOMAS

BALD EAGLE *DENVER BRYAN*

WILDLIFE VIEWING IS ONE OF THE TOP ATTRACTIONS AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK AND THROUGHOUT MONTANA.

JEFF & ALEXA HENRY

Montanans are in good company WITH THE WILDLIFE THAT ACTUALLY OUTNUMBER THEM. MONTANA SUPPORTS THE LARGEST GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION SOUTH OF CANADA, THE LARGEST MIGRATORY ELK HERD IN THE NATION, THE LARGEST BREEDING POPULATION OF TRUMPETER SWANS IN THE LOWER 48 AND THE NATION'S LARGEST NATIVE HERD OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP—ALL IN ALL, A MAGNIFICENT ARRAY OF WILDLIFE WHOSE VERY SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON UNSPOILED HABITAT. WITH PATIENCE AND A PAIR OF BINOCULARS, PEOPLE CAN VIEW THESE AND MANY OTHER SPECIES IN THE WILD.

COW & CALF ELK *SCOTT WHEELER*

CINNAMON-COLORED BLACK BEAR *SCOTT WHEELER*

HELENA'S BIG SKY POWWOW IS ONE OF SEVERAL CELEBRATIONS OF INDIAN CULTURE HELD ANNUALLY THROUGHOUT THE STATE

DONNIE SEXTON

In Montana, the West is more than a label OR A TREND. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE THAT IS ROOTED IN HISTORY AND HOPEFUL ABOUT THE FUTURE. IT DEFINES MONTANA BOTH AS A PLACE AND AS A PEOPLE. THE WEST DOESN'T PUT ON AIRS. ITS SIMPLE TRUTH APPEARS IN THE WEATHERED FACES OF

GREAT PLAINS COUNTRY, *WILL BROWSTER*

The Montana landscape is a cultural celebration in itself. Vast, open spaces interrupted only by mountain ranges typify the West.

DUSAN SMETANA

PEOPLE WHO WORK THE LAND, THE ABANDONED HOMESTEADS OF EARLY DREAMERS, THE NATIVE COSTUMES OF INDIAN DANCERS AND THE EASY SMILE OF MOST EVERY-ONE YOU'LL MEET.

PHILLIPSBURG *DONNIE SEXTON*

RANCHER IN "OL' BLUE." *DONNIE SEXTON*

FAMILY PORTRAIT *VICTOR BJORNBERG*

THIS ABANDONED HOMESTEAD ON THE C. M RUSSELL WILDLIFE REFUGE IS ONE OF MANY THAT DOT THE PLAINS OF MONTANA.

PHIL FARRAR

Montana is a young state WHOSE HISTORY LIVES QUIETLY AT BUFFALO JUMPS AND HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS, IN PICTOGRAPH CAVES, WEATHERED GHOST TOWNS, HUMBLE MISSIONS AND MAGNIFICENT TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY MANSIONS. IT SPRINGS TO LIFE AT SUMMER FESTIVALS LIKE THE MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING AND CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT. IT GOES UNDERGROUND IN HAVRE, AND SURFACES IN BUTTE. IT FLOWS THROUGH MONTANA ALONG THE MISSOURI RIVER, ORIGINAL HIGHWAY OF THE WEST.

HISTORY

INDIAN PICTOGRAPH, MIKE SAMPLE

Mining fortunes built many elegant homes in western Montana, including Butte's Copper King Mansion.

JOHN REDDY

CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT, ROBERT E. KELLEHER

BANNACK STATE PARK, DONNIE SEXTON

LEWIS & CLARK SCULPTURE, FORT BENTON, SALVATORI VASANOLI

TROUT FISHING DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS.

DENVER BRYAN

CAMPING *DONNIE SEXTON*

BIKING *BOB ALLEN*

SKIING *LONNIE BALL*

WHITEWATER RAFTING IS ONE OF MONTANA'S FAVORITE PASTIMES.

PAUL DIX

Adventure travel in Montana IS THE JOURNEY MADE PERSONAL. SOMEHOW, IT IS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO SEE BIG SKY COUNTRY. THIS LAND OF PEAKS AND CANYONS, WHITEWATER GORGES AND MEANDERING STREAMS, POWDER SNOW AND SUNSHINE BEGS TO BE EXPERIENCED. MONTANA IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO FULFILL YOUR PASSION. WHETHER IT IS FLOATING OR FLY FISHING, BIKING, HIKING OR SKIING, IT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE IN MONTANA!

PACKING IN *WILL BREWSTER*

HIKING *BOB ALLEN*

RED LODGE CELEBRATES ITS ETHNIC HERITAGE EACH SUMMER DURING THE FESTIVAL OF NATIONS.

M.D. COLEMAN

Montanans find common ground AT FESTIVALS THAT CELEBRATE THEIR SHARED HISTORY AS WELL AS THEIR DIVERSITY. TAKE IN THE MILES CITY BUCKING HORSE SALE, THE CROW FAIR POWWOW, THE FLATHEAD BALLOON FESTIVAL OR SCOBEY'S PIONEER DAYS, AND YOU, TOO, WILL CATCH THE SPIRIT OF CELEBRATION. SUMMER IS HIGH SEASON FOR FAIRS AND RODEOS, INDIAN POWWOWS, SPORTING EVENTS, MUSIC AND ETHNIC FESTIVALS, BUT THE FUN

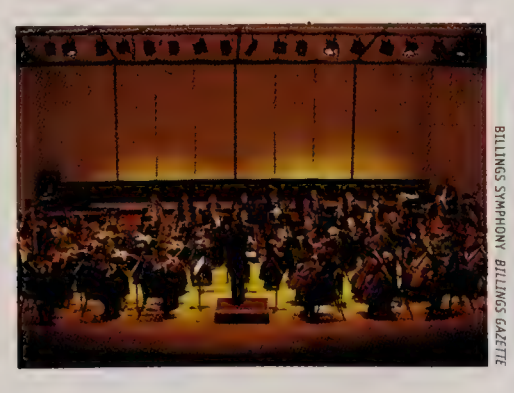
SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKS *DAN WISE*

PIONEER DAYS, SCOBEY *VICTOR BJORNBERG*

BIG SKY POWWOW, HELENA *DONNIE SEXTON*

You'll find rodeo action nearly every summer weekend in Montana.

DONNIE SEXTON

doesn't end when the temperature falls and school starts. Crowds are down and the weather can be surprisingly mild in the off-season. Bozeman's Winter Fair, St. Patrick's Day in Butte, the C. M. Russell Art Auction in Great Falls and Missoula's International Wildlife Film Festival make it clear that celebrations are never out of season in Montana!

BILLINGS SYMPHONY *BILLINGS GAZETTE*

FLATHEAD BALLOON FESTIVAL *DONNIE SEXTON*

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

The trail of the Great Bear cuts a wide swath through western Montana, including the snow-capped Bridger Range near Bozeman.

Montana invites exploration. For every federally designated scenic backroad and byway, there are countless unofficial ones. Much of the newly developed "Trail of the Great Bear" lies in Montana. An international scenic corridor that links Yellowstone National Park with Canada's Banff National Park, this trail celebrates the history, culture and natural resources of some of the last wild country on the continent.

TRAILS

CRYSTAL PARK, WISE RIVER–POLARIS SCENIC BYWAY

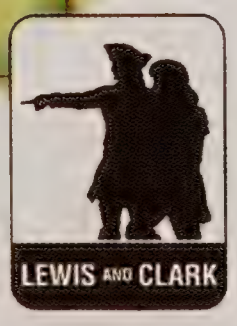
GEORGETOWN LAKE, PINTLAR SCENIC ROUTE

BEARTOOTH SCENIC HIGHWAY *H.D. COLEMAN*

JOHN LAMBING

Lewis and Clark followed the Missouri River from St. Louis to its headwaters in Montana during their ambitious 1804–06 exploration of the frontier West. The river flows lazily across much of northcentral and northeastern Montana.

It has been nearly 200 years since two of America's most heralded frontiersmen traveled more than 8,000 miles on what is now the Lewis and Clark Trail to unlock the West for an ambitious, young nation. Well over a quarter of their journey was spent in Montana, and much of what they saw here remains unchanged. Remote stretches of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers, physical landmarks and graffiti they left behind remain in place for explorers today.



LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION DAVE MCGEE

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All persons leaving the United States must report to Canada Customs. All persons entering the United States must report to United States Customs Immigration Service. Ports which are not open 24 hours have varying seasonal hours which are posted on highway signs at each port.
The Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park which runs between West Glacier and St. Mary is closed to automobile travel over Logan Pass from about November through May of each year. Inquire with the Park for vehicle length restrictions.
24 hour ports of entry
Cardston
Milk River
Del Bonita
Coutts
Aden
Sweetgrass
Port of Whitlash
Sunburst
Whitlash
Wild Horse
Simpson
Roosville
Rexford
Eureka
Yaak
Lake Koocanusa
Port of Roosville
Port of Trail Creek Station (Summer Only)
Flathead
Waterton Lakes Nat'l Park
Waterton Park
Chief Mtn.
Port of Chief Mtn. (Summer Only)
Carway
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Babb
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Browning
Blackfoot
Heart Butte
Valier
Dupuyer
Pendroy
Brady
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Choteau
Dutton
Power
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Fort Benton
Box Elder
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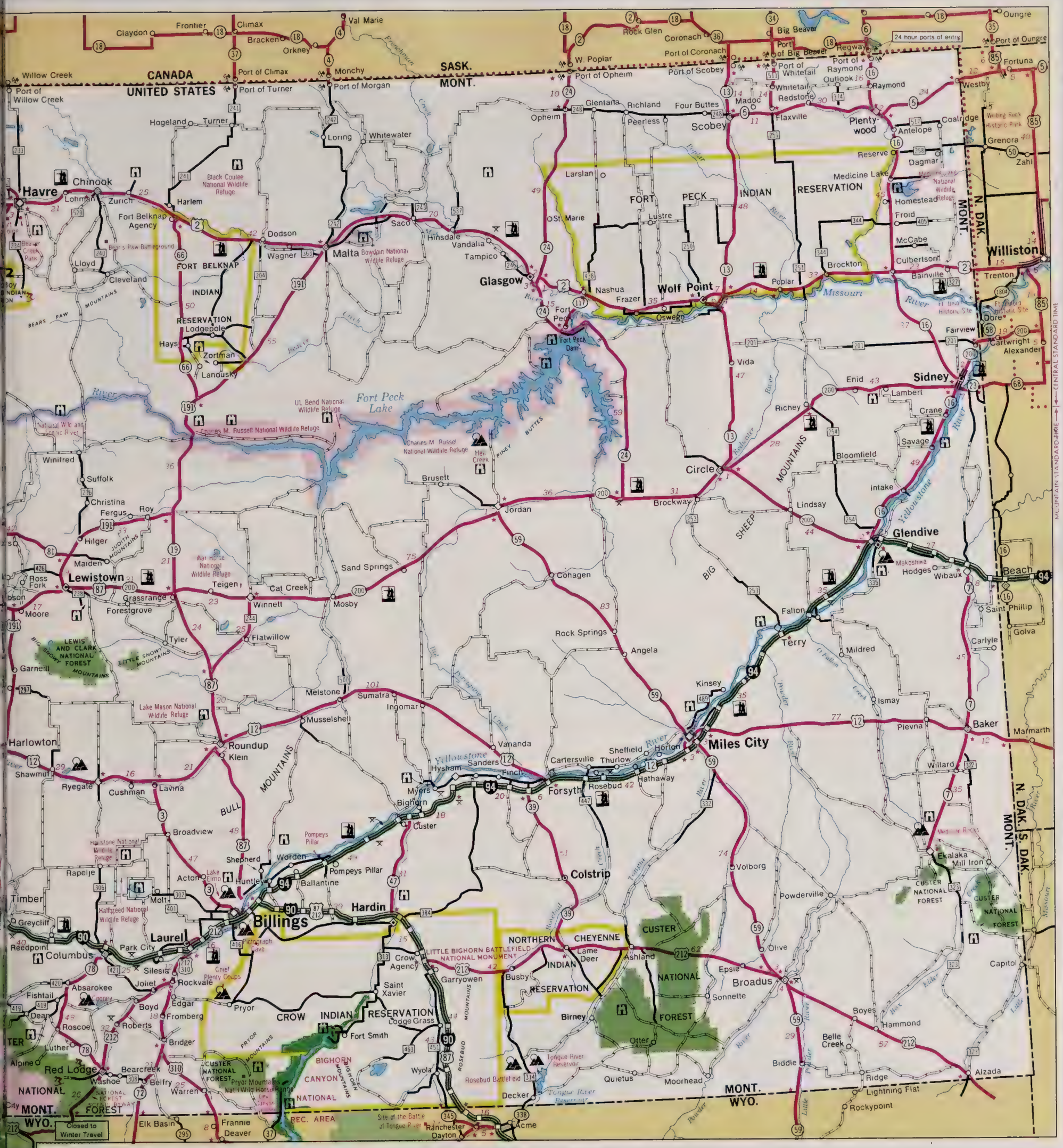
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War Horse National Wildlife Refuge
Medicine Rocks State Park
Writing Rock Historic Park
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GLACIER COUNTRY

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ROGER WADE

Canoeing on the Swan River

IT STARTS WITH THE "CROWN OF THE CONTINENT"—GLACIER NATIONAL PARK—AND EXTENDS TO FLATHEAD LAKE, LARGEST FRESHWATER LAKE IN THE WEST. GLACIER COUNTRY IS A SPLENDID MIX OF PUBLIC LANDS AND PRIVATE AMENITIES. THE BOB MARSHALL WILDLANDS COMPLEX, ALONE, ACCOUNTS FOR 1.5 MILLION ACRES OF FEDERALLY PROTECTED WILDERNESS. ADD THE JEWEL BASIN HIKING AREA, THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE, THE FLATHEAD WILD & SCENIC RIVER, AND YOU'LL KNOW WHY GLACIER COUNTRY IS A DESTINATION IN ITSELF. WESTERN MONTANA'S LARGEST CITY IS MISSOULA, HOME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. SEVERAL SMALLER CITIES AND TOWNS ARE ANXIOUS TO SHOW OFF ATTRACTIONS THAT RANGE FROM HISTORIC CHURCHES AND MANSIONS TO CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSES.

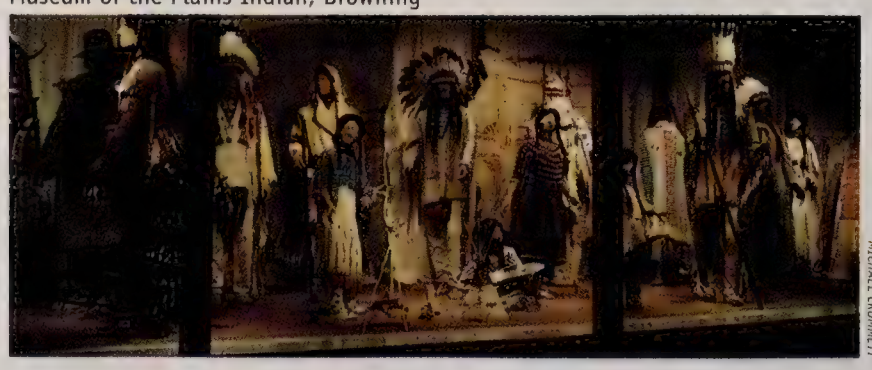
AREA ATTRACTIONS

Glacier National Park (A-2)
888-5441

Set in a rugged section of the northern Rockies, Glacier National Park joins Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta, Canada. Together they create Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park—an ideal "two nation vacation." Going-to-the-Sun Road, a spectacular 52-mile highway through Glacier, crosses the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and traverses the towering Garden Wall. Maximum vehicle dimensions are 21 feet long (including bumpers) and 8 feet wide (including mirrors). Oversize vehicles may be parked at entrance points. Rental cars are available at nearby towns and there is also a shuttle service. For details, call Rocky Mountains Transportation (862-2539). Historic Jammer bus tours (226-5551) also available. Going-to-the-Sun Road normally opens mid-June and closes mid-October. Glacier has more than 700 miles of foot and horse trails. Guided hikes, horseback trips and boat tours are available. Approximately 1,200 campsites available to car campers on a first-come, first-served basis; backcountry permits available in the park. Park accommodations feature historic hotels and lodges. Facilities open seasonally; park open year-round. For room reservations, call 602-207-6000.

Area attractions, cities and towns are keyed to the map on page 22. All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Phone number for local chamber is listed with city or town where applicable. Seasonal attractions are generally open during the summer months only.

Museum of the Plains Indian, Browning



MICHAEL CRUMMETT

Missoula Carousel

DONNIE SEXTON

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Hoary Marmot, Glacier National Park

DONNIE SEXTON

Golf is a popular Flathead Valley attraction.

The Glacier Institute, 756-3911 or 888-5215 (summer only)
For travelers who seek a deeper understanding of the natural world, this educational organization offers a variety of field seminars and programs for individuals and groups in and around Glacier National Park.

Flathead Lake (B, C-2)
Located between Kalispell and Polson, this is the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi; renowned for its fishing. Boat tours include the diesel-powered *Far West* from Somers (857-3203), the 51-ft. racing sloop *Questa* from Bigfork (837-5569), two power boats from Pointer Scenic Cruises in Bigfork (837-5617), and the 41-ft. *Port Polson Princess* from Polson (883-2448 or 800-882-6363).

Flathead Lake State Park (B, C-2) 758-6260
Six scenic units bordering Flathead Lake. Except for Wild Horse Island, all units feature camping, fishing, boating, swimming. Fee.
Big Arm (west shore). Boat access to Wild Horse Island. Summer, 849-5255.
Finley Point (east shore). Conifer forest setting at S end of lake. Summer, 887-2715.
Wayfarers (east shore). North end of lake on MT 35, near resort town of Bigfork. Summer, 837-4196.
West Shore (near Lakeside). Rock formations provide excellent views. Summer, 844-3901.
Wild Horse Island. This 2,163-acre wilderness island is home to bighorn sheep, bald eagles, wild horses, prairie plant species and more. Day use only. Boat access from Bigfork (837-5617).
Yellow Bay (east shore). Conifer forest setting on 15 acres; tents only. Summer, 982-3291.

National Bison Range (D-2), 644-2211
Established in 1908 to protect one of the most important remaining herds of American bison, about 400-500 of the great shaggy animals roam nearly 19,000 acres of natural grassland. Other inhabitants are birds, whitetail and mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep and pronghorns. Self-guiding auto tours year-round. Visitor center. Fee when all drives are open, May to October.

Bob Marshall Wilderness (C-3) 755-5401 or 791-7700
Known as the flagship of the nation's wilderness fleet, the "Bob" is one of the largest and best-known wilderness areas in the country. Together with the Great Bear and Scapegoat wilderness areas, it forms a contiguous wildlands complex of more than 1.5 million acres that straddle the Continental Divide. Accessible only by trail, the complex offers fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, horseback riding and river floating. Roughly 1,800 miles of trails.

Jewel Basin Hiking Area (B-2), 755-5401
Located at the north end of the Swan Range between Hungry Horse Reservoir and Flathead Lake, this specially designated hiking area covers 15,349 acres and features 38 miles of trails. Rocky peaks, alpine lakes, streams, meadows and wildflowers make this truly a jewel basin.

Flathead National Wild and Scenic River (A, B, C-2, 3), 755-5401
South, Middle and North forks of the Flathead River form the nation's longest wild and scenic river system, stretching 219 miles across some of Montana's most ruggedly beautiful backcountry. Rafting, kayaking, fishing.

BIGFORK (B-2)
837-5888
Situated in a sheltered bay at the north end of Flathead Lake, Bigfork is brimming with art galleries, fine restaurants, golf and live theatre. Start your gallery tour at the **Bigfork Art & Cultural Center** (837-6927) and end your day at the **Bigfork Summer Playhouse** (837-4886), featuring a variety of popular shows nightly except Sunday. Seasonal.

BROWNING (B-3)
800-775-1355
Headquarters for the Blackfeet Nation, Montana's largest Indian tribe, Browning lies at the east edge of Glacier National Park. Blackfeet Historic Site & Tipi Village Tours (800-215-2395). Annual North American Indian Days in July and Heart Butte Indian Days in August. Watchable wildlife, campgrounds, fishing, boating, hiking, hunting, horseback riding and rodeos.

Museum of the Plains Indian, 338-2230
Comprehensive collection of Blackfeet Indian tribal artifacts, plus history of the Northern Great Plains tribes. Authentic Native American arts and crafts available at museum shop. Open daily, June 1-Oct. 1; otherwise, weekdays.

Scriver Museum of Montana Wildlife and Hall of Bronze, 338-5425
One of Montana's best-known sculptors combines his love of wildlife and art in a studio that features his own sculpture, the work of other artists and taxidermy. Open daily.

COLUMBIA FALLS (B-2)
892-2072
A stop in this gateway city to Glacier Park brings family fun and exploration. Enjoy championship golf in summer; cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling in winter. The city also boasts a popular waterslide and whitewater rafting.

CORAM (B-2)
Near West Glacier, Coram is home to the **North American Wildlife Museum** (387-4018) and the **Great Bear Adventure** (387-4290), where visitors can observe bears in their natural habitat.

CUT BANK (A-4)
873-4041
Home of the 27-foot-tall talking penguin, this Hi-Line town near Glacier Park treats visitors to a taste of history and the Old West at the **Glacier County Historical Museum** (873-4904).

DARBY (C-2)
363-2400
Darby lies in the heart of the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. This prime recreation area claims **Painted Rocks State Park** (542-5500), **Alta Ranger Station**, the first USDA Forest Service ranger station, and **Darby Pioneer Memorial Museum** (821-4503).

DAYTON (C-2)
On the west shore of Flathead Lake, this is the perfect spot to embark for Wild Horse Island. Enjoy the outdoors at **Lake Mary Ronan State Park** (752-5501). Fee. Or sample the unique taste of Montana grapes at the **Mission Mountain Winery** (849-5524).

ESSEX (B-3)
Halfway between East and West Glacier, Essex is home to a historic inn that once housed winter snow removal crews for the Great Northern Railroad. Today it is a popular year-round stop for visitors, especially railroad buffs and cross-country skiers.

EUREKA (A-1)
Tucked away in Montana's forested northwest corner, this area offers some of the state's scenic treasures. **Ten Lakes Scenic Area** (882-4451) treats visitors to mountain drives, pristine lakes and abundant fishing. For area history, take in the **Tobacco Valley Historic Village**.

HAMILTON (E-2)
363-2400
Located in the heart of the Bitterroot Valley, Hamilton is Montana's gateway to the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and a number of other recreational and historic attractions, including the **Ravalli County Museum** (363-3338), 205 Bedford. Fee.

Daly Mansion, 363-6004
Built in 1890 by Irish immigrant Marcus Daly, one of Montana's colorful "copper kings." With 42 rooms, 24 bedrooms, 15 baths and 5 Italian marble fireplaces, the huge mansion presides over 50 planted acres in Montana's scenic Bitterroot Valley. Tours daily, April 15-Oct. 15; off-season by appointment. Fee.

DONNIE SEXTON

Powwow dancer

Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (E, F-2)
363-7161
This 1.3-million-acre wilderness straddles the Continental Divide on Montana's western border with Idaho. Several canyons take hikers and horseback riders to high mountain lakes. Abundant wildlife. No motorized travel.

HUNGRY HORSE (B-2)

At the edge of the lake formed by **Hungry Horse Dam** (387-5241) and surrounded by spectacular mountains, this northwestern Montana town is a stone's throw from Glacier Park's West Entrance. Find family fun at several local amusements.

KALISPELL (B-2)

758-2800
Founded in 1891, Kalispell is now a bustling small city and home to much history, culture, commercial activity and outdoor recreation. The city's natural beauty and pleasant lifestyle draw a wide variety of residents and tourists. Get acquainted with the city on a walking tour of historic buildings and enjoy regional culture at the **Hockaday Center for the Arts** (755-5268), 302 2nd Ave. E., open Tues.-Sat.

Conrad Mansion, 755-2166
Built in 1895 as the home of C. E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River trader, freighter and founder of the city of Kalispell. Restored to its Victorian elegance; 313 6th Ave. E. Fee. Seasonal.

Logan State Park, 293-7190 (summer) or 752-5501
On north shore of Middle Thompson Lake, 45 miles W of town. Swimming, boating, camping. Fee.

Lone Pine State Park, 755-2706
Day use area on Foys Lake Rd., SW of town; scenic views of Flathead Valley. Visitor center, picnic facilities, trails. Fee.

LIBBY (B-1)

293-4167
Located deep in the timberlands of northwestern Montana, this logging community offers many recreational opportunities, including the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness, the Kootenai National Forest, Kootenai River and Kootenai Falls. Explore area history at the **Heritage Museum** (293-7521). Seasonal.

Cabinet Mountains Wilderness (B-1)
293-6211 or 827-3533
This 94,000-acre preserve extends 33 miles along the crest of the Cabinet Range S of Libby. Popular hiking and fishing area with wildlife viewing opportunities. No motorized travel.

Libby Dam, 293-5577
A 420-foot-high, multi-purpose water resource project that forms giant Lake Koocanusa. Visitor center, recreation area.

LOLO (E-2)

An important junction in Western history, Lolo is a gateway to the Bitterroot Valley. Visit the **Lolo Pass Visitor Information Center** (208-942-3113) on US 12 near the Idaho/Montana border to learn more about the historic Lolo Trail, used by the Nez Perce Indians as a buffalo trail and by the Lewis and Clark Expedition en route to the Pacific. Seasonal.

MISSOULA (D-2)

543-6623
Montana's cultural superstar and third-largest city, Missoula presides over the north end of the Bitterroot Valley. Best known as home to the University of Montana, Missoula is an eclectic mix of students, independent businesspeople, professors, truckers, foresters, artists and writers. At the head of five scenic valleys and the junction of three great rivers, Missoula has no shortage of recreational opportunities. Missoula is home to the Montana Repertory Theatre, Missoula Children's Theatre, String Orchestra of the Rockies and Garden City Ballet. Take a **Trolley Tour** through the historic downtown/university area (reservations 542-6620) or a carousel ride at **A Carousel for Missoula** (549-8382) in Caras Park beside the Clark Fork River. Soak up some western Montana history at the **Historical Museum at Fort Missoula** (728-3476) on South Ave. W of Reserve St.

Memorial Rose Garden
More than 2,500 rose bushes maintained as a memorial to the casualties of World War II and Montana's Vietnam veterans. This small city park on Brooks St. also features a 12-ft. bronze statue.

Missoula Museum of the Arts, 728-0447
Permanent collection of 19th-20th century Northwest art; changing exhibitions. Fee. 335 N. Pattee

Museum of Fine Arts/ Paxon Gallery, 243-0211
Contemporary and historical visual arts on the University of Montana campus.

Ninemile Remount Depot, 626-5201
Take the Ninemile exit 20 miles W of town and follow signs to Ninemile Ranger Station. From 1930 to 1953, the depot provided experienced packers and pack animals for firefighting and backcountry work projects throughout the northern Rockies. Visitor center open daily, Memorial Day-Labor Day. Self-guiding tour.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center, 523-4545 or 800-CALL-ELK
Missoula is home to this national wildlife group. Enjoy elk and natural history displays, wildlife theater and art gallery at 2291 W. Broadway.

Smokejumper Visitor Center, 329-4934
Headquarters for the USDA Forest Service smokejumpers, 7 miles W of town on Old Hwy 10. Open Memorial Day-Labor Day. Off-season tours, for large groups only, by appointment.

Snowbowl Summer Chairlift Ride, 549-9777
This popular ski area is 12 miles NW of town. Take a 22-minute ride to 7,000 feet, then hike to the summit and ride the chair back down. Fri., Sat. and Sun. in July and August. Fee.

St. Francis Xavier Church, 542-0321
Built in 1889, the year Montana became a state. Outstanding for its graceful steeple, paintings and stained glass. 420 W. Pine.

PABLO (C-2)

Headquarters for the **Flathead Indian Reservation** (675-2700), Pablo lies at the base of the Mission Mountains S of Flathead Lake. The reservation is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Indian Tribes and the **Salish-Kootenai Community College** (675-4800). Of special interest are the Ninepipe and Pablo wildlife refuges, the Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness, Arlee Powwow (early July) and Elmo Powwow (mid-July).

Sqélixʷ/Aq‡smakni-k' Cultural Center, "The People's Center," 675-0160
Native Ed-Venture Guided Heritage, Culture and History Tours. Bears, Bison and Birds Tour. Group and customized itineraries.

POLSON (C-2)

883-5969
Known for its mild climate and water recreation opportunities, Polson lies at the south end of Flathead Lake. For an overview of area history, visit the **Polson Historical Museum** (883-3049) on Main St. Seasonal.

Kerr Dam, 883-4450
Concrete arch-type dam is 204 ft. high, 54 ft. higher than Niagara Falls. Picnicking, whitewater rafting, fishing, vista overlook. Tours by appointment.

Miracle of America Museum and Historic Village, 883-6804
The largest collection of antique artifacts in western Montana, ranging from toys to tractors; also a pioneer village. S of Polson on US 93.

RONAN (C-2)

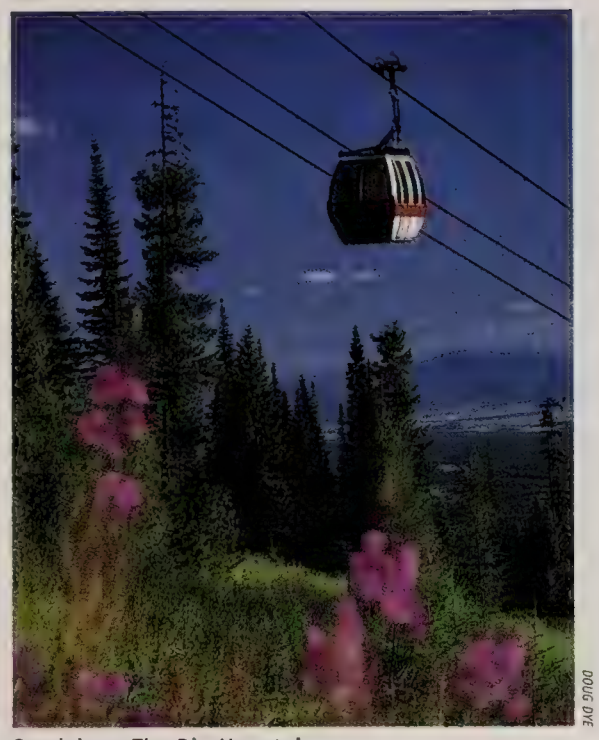
676-8300
Located in the scenic Mission Valley between Flathead Lake and Missoula, this small town offers a great community golf course and area history at the **Garden of the Rockies Museum** (676-5210). Seasonal.

SEELEY LAKE (D-3)

677-2880
Flanked by the peaks of the Mission and Swan mountain ranges, this popular recreation town is near several lakes that make up the chain of Clearwater Lakes. Those who love water and the great outdoors will discover excellent camping, boating, fishing and hiking opportunities at **Placid Lake State Park** (542-5500) and **Salmon Lake State Park** (542-5500). Seasonal. Fee for both.

ST. IGNATIUS (D-2)

745-2190
Rich in history and native culture, this small town on the Flathead Indian Reservation offers beautiful views of the Mission Valley. You'll find Native American crafts and artifacts at the **Flathead Indian Museum and Trading Post** (745-2951) and Native American artifacts, antique toys and trains at the **Four Winds Historic Village and Trading Post** (745-4336), open year-round; call for tours in the off-season. Fee.


Gondola at The Big Mountain

St. Ignatius Mission, 745-2768
A favorite of photographers because of its beautiful setting, this historic Catholic church features 58 original murals by Brother Joseph Carignano on its walls and ceilings.

ST. REGIS (D-1)
649-2290
One of Montana's six major gateway information centers; located on I-90 between Missoula and the Idaho border; open April-Dec.

STEVENSVILLE (E-2)
363-2400
Flanked by the Bitterroot and Sapphire mountains, this small, historic town in the Bitterroot Valley offers beautiful views, outdoor recreation and watchable wildlife. For an overview of area history, visit the **Stevensville Museum** (777-3201). Seasonal.

Fort Owen, 542-5500
Built in 1850 by Major John Owen as a regional trade center, the adobe/log fort is the site of the first permanent white settlement in Montana.

Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge 777-5552
This 2,800-acre refuge along the Bitterroot River provides habitat for nesting osprey and other birds and wildlife. Interpretive trails, picnic area; open year-round.

St. Mary's Mission, 777-5734
First Catholic mission in the northwest. Established by Father Pierre DeSmet in 1841. Chapel/residence, log house/pharmacy, museum, cemetery. Tours May 1–Sept. 30; otherwise by appointment. Fee.

SUPERIOR (D-1)
822-4891
Located on the St. Regis River W of Missoula, this small town offers a break from interstate travel and an introduction to area history in the **Mineral County Museum** (822-4626).

THOMPSON FALLS (C-1)
827-4930
Thompson Falls sits on the scenic Clark Fork River and is named for the river's natural falls. You can enjoy this setting at **Thompson Falls State Park** (752-5501). Other attractions include the **Historic Jail Museum** (827-3496), Wild Goose Landing Park and Recreation Center, Bighorn Sheep Viewing Station E of town and the scenic Blue Slide area W of town.

TROY (B-1)
295-4216
Visitors can walk among cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high at the **Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area** (295-4693) S of this northwestern Montana town. The **Troy Museum and Visitors Center** (295-5377) is open in the summer.

VICTOR (E-2)
363-2400
Named for a Flathead Indian chief and nestled in the Bitterroot Valley, Victor offers endless recreational opportunities. Explore the **Victor Heritage Museum** (642-3997), housed in the railroad depot. Seasonal.

WHITEFISH (B-2)
862-3501
This popular resort town offers water sports in summer, skiing in winter and scenic beauty all year long. Enjoy water sports and camping at **Whitefish Lake State Park** (862-3991 summer, or 752-5501). Fee. Explore the area's logging history at the **Stumptown Historical Society Museum** (862-3501) on N. Central Ave.

The Big Mountain Chairlift Ride, 862-3511
Viewing station and restaurant at the top; hike the 5.6-mile Danny On Trail to the bottom, or choose any of three shorter hikes. Fee.

YAAK (A-1)
An Indian word meaning arrow, Yaak is Montana's northwesternmost town. The **Northwest Peaks Scenic Area** (295-4693), a popular hiking area, features spectacular mountain wilderness and scenery.

Daly Mansion, Hamilton

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN GLACIER COUNTRY

WHITEFISH WINTER CARNIVAL—
Whitefish, 1st weekend in February
An all-out celebration of winter with parades, food, dance and winter activities.

RACE TO THE SKY SLED DOG RACE—
Holland Lake, Seeley Lake, Missoula, mid-February
This 500-mile race is the longest in the lower 48 states. The race starts in Helena and ends in Missoula.

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL—Missoula, 1st week in April
One of two international wildlife film festivals in the world. Competition features top films and filmmakers from around the world. Workshops and panel discussions; week-long public showings.

B.A.S.S. FEDERATION WESTERN DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT—
Trout Creek, 3rd week in May
Teams from 10 western states and one from Japan fish the Noxon Reservoir to qualify for the National Championship "Bass."

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND POWWOW—Arlee, 1st week in July
Salish celebration attracts Native Americans from the U.S. and Canada. Features dance, song, stick games, cards, food, crafts and contests.

FLATHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL—
Flathead Valley, mid-July
Guest artists make a joyful noise throughout the valley with a variety of music in concert and workshops.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS—
Browning, 1st weekend in July
Blackfeet celebration that draws tribes from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Feasting, dancing, parades, contests.

LIBBY LOGGER DAYS—
Libby, 2nd weekend in July
This northwestern logging town celebrates its heritage with logging events, contests, food booths, parades and events for kids.

STANDING ARROW POWWOW—
Elmo, mid-July
Kootenai celebration hosts tribes from the U.S. and Canada. Features ritual dances, song, arts, crafts, food and contests.

NORDICFEST—
Libby, 2nd weekend in September
Scandinavian festival with food booths, craft show, entertainment and Fjord horse show.

For more information, contact:
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945 4th Ave. E.
Kalispell, Montana 59901
800-338-5072 or 406-756-7128

GOLD WEST COUNTRY

800-879-1159 OR 406-846-1943

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Deer Lodge

BUILT ON THE SENSATIONAL FORTUNES OF THE GOLD RUSH ERA, MONTANA'S SOUTHWEST CORNER BOASTS RICHES THAT RANGE FROM STATE PARKS AND BLUE-RIBBON TROUT STREAMS TO MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES. FROM THE RESTORED GOLD CAMPS OF BANNACK AND VIRGINIA CITY TO THE MANSIONS, ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC TOURS OF ITS EARLY MINING CITIES, GOLD WEST COUNTRY TAKES PRIDE IN ITS HISTORY. OTHER HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE THE BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD, SITE OF AN 1877 BATTLE BETWEEN THE NEZ PERCE AND THE U.S. CAVALRY, AND THE GRANT-KOHRS RANCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IN DEER LODGE, WHICH PRESERVES THE HEADQUARTERS OF ONE OF MONTANA'S LARGEST CATTLE RANCHING EMPIRES.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Virginia City, Nevada City (G-4)
843-5377 or 843-5331
Two authentically preserved and restored mining camps from the gold rush era, located on MT 287, between Butte and Yellowstone Park. The Virginia City Players offer 19th-century melodrama nightly in summer. Museums (open May-Sept.) include Nevada City Museum, mining town, period buildings and music hall. Fee. Try your luck at gold panning at the **Alder Gulch River of Gold** (843-5526). For accommodations, call 800-648-7588.

Big Hole National Battlefield (F-3)
689-3155
Site of historic 1877 battle between Col. John Gibbon's troops and five bands of Nez Perce Indians. Visitor center, museum, battlefield tour. One of Montana's three units of the Nez Perce National Historical Park, this one is located W of Wisdom on MT 43. Fee in summer.

Bannack State Park (G-3), 834-3413
Site of Montana's first major gold strike in 1862,

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Canyon Ferry Recreation Area

DONNIE SEXTON

Atlas Building, Helena

DONNIE SEXTON

R. VALENTINE ATKINSON

Nevada City, Montana

Bannack was also Montana's first territorial capital. Bannack is a moment frozen in time. A walking tour of this carefully preserved ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade, Montana's first jail and the Methodist Church, where early-day circuit rider "Brother Van" preached. Visitor center, camping, fishing, picnicking. Off MT 278, W of Dillon. Open year-round. Fee.

Garnet Ghost Town (D-3), 329-3914

Named for the ruby-colored stones found nearby, this well-preserved ghost town offers a glimpse of life in a turn-of-the-century gold camp. Located in the Garnet Range between I-90 and MT 200, Garnet is best reached from the north, off MT 200, or from I-90, W of Drummond. Winter access (Dec. 1–May 15) by snowmobiling or skiing only. Winter cabin rentals. Fee.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park (F-5) 287-3032

Montana's first and best-known park features the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Daily cave tours (April 15-Oct. 15), ranger talks with movies. Campground with camping cabins, picnic area, hiking trails, concession, visitor center. Located between Cardwell and Three Forks on MT 2. Fee.

Pintler Scenic Route (E-3)

This highway forms a loop through the heart of Gold West Country that takes you over high mountain passes to the towns of Drummond, Philipsburg and Anaconda, and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The magnificent peaks of the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop. Visit **St. Timothy's Chapel** for memorable views of the Georgetown Lake area. MT 1, off I-90, between Missoula and Deer Lodge.

Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (H-4), 276-3536

One of North America's most important nesting areas for the rare trumpeter swan, this remote refuge is located on Centennial Valley Rd. (unpaved), between West Yellowstone and Monida. Other inhabitants include waterfowl, songbirds, raptors, moose and antelope. Primitive area.

ALDER (G-4)

Once a shipping point for Virginia City ore, this town is home to **Robber's Roost.** Hold-up gangs used to hang out here during the early gold rush days when stage coaches made regular runs between Bannack and Virginia City.

ANACONDA (F-3)

563-2400

Founded in 1883, this small town owes its existence to Marcus Daly and the Anaconda Copper Company. Smelting operations were suspended in 1980, but Anaconda has a firm grip on its role in Montana history. The town's landmark and a state park, "The Stack," stands 585', 1.5" tall. Visit the **Copper Village Museum and Arts Center** (563-2422) for area history and a copper smelter display, and the **Hearst Free Library** (563-6932), a classic 1889 period building donated to the city by George and Phoebe Hearst. Self-guided walking tour, brochure and bus tour of historic Anaconda begins at the **Anaconda Visitor Center**, 306 E. Park. Enjoy the city's popular **Washoe Park** (563-3409), which includes state fish hatchery trout display ponds, gardens, tennis courts, playground, baseball diamond, picnic area and swimming pool.

Anaconda Pintler Wilderness (F-2, 3) 832-3178

This 159,000-acre wilderness extends more than 30 miles along the Continental Divide SW of Anaconda. Popular access points are Georgetown Lake and Moose Lake as well as the East Fork of the Bitterroot River, off US 93, on the W side of the wilderness. No motorized travel.

Lost Creek State Park, 542-5500

Scenic recreation area N of town, off Rt. 273; handicapped accessible. Short trail to Lost Creek Falls offers views of limestone cliffs that rise 1,200 feet above the canyon floor, mountain goats and bighorn sheep. Camping, picnicking. Seasonal.

BOULDER (E-4)

This small community is home to the **Jefferson County Courthouse,** listed on the National Historic Register. Built in 1889, the building has a three-story entry and gargoyles perched on 24-inch thick stone walls. Visit nearby **Elkhorn State Park** (444-4720) for excellent examples of frontier architecture. This ghost town stands as a reminder of Montana's 1880s silver boom. Hiking, picnicking. Seasonal.

BUTTE (F-4)

800-735-6814 or 494-5595

Once known as "the richest hill on earth," Butte is steeped in mining history. Copper, gold and silver were all found here, and Butte became a melting pot of ethnic diversity as immigrants flocked to the mines for employment. The **Anselmo Mine Yard** in uptown Butte is the best surviving example of surface support facilities that once served the mines; open seasonally. Butte is the home of Montana Tech of the University of Montana, which grew out of Butte's mining heritage. Its **Mineral Museum** (496-4414) displays 1,500 specimens, including a 27.5-oz. gold nugget. Walking tour brochures of this historic city are available at the Butte Chamber of Commerce, 2950 Harrison Ave. This is also the place to catch a tour of Butte on a replica of an early-day streetcar, "Old No. 1." Another tour, **Butte City Tours** (494-6999) starts at the Holiday Inn Express and offers 1 1/2 hour, narrated tours of Butte and Walkerville. Seasonal. Fee.

Arts Chateau, 723-7600

Changing exhibitions of regional art are displayed in the elegant 1898 Victorian mansion of C.W. Clark, son of Copper King William A. Clark; 321 W. Broadway. Fee.

Berkeley Pit, 800-735-6814

Until it closed in 1982, this was the nation's largest truck-operated, open pit copper mine. Enter from Continental Drive. Visitor center and viewing stand open seasonally.

Copper King Mansion, 782-7580

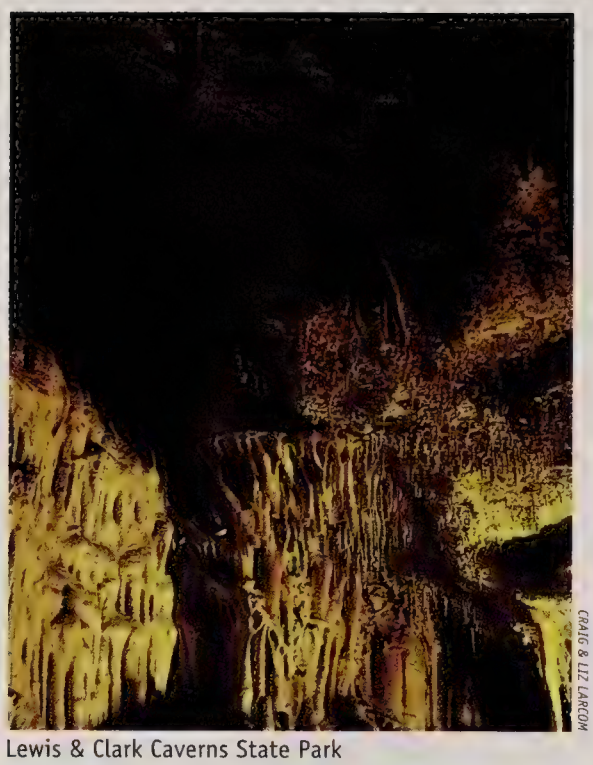
Three-story, 34-room former mansion of copper king/politician William A. Clark. Preserved as it was in the 1880s, this is the only privately owned mansion in the state accessible to the public; 219 W. Granite. Tours daily May 1–Sept. 30; otherwise by appointment. Fee.

Historic Chinese Building, The Mai Wah, 800-735-6814

Located in what was Chinatown, between Galena and Mercury in uptown Butte. Once a mercantile and noodle parlor, the building now houses exhibits to interpret Asian history in Butte. Open summer afternoons.

Fishing the Big Hole River

PAUL UPDIKE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Lewis & Clark Caverns State Park

Humbug Spires Primitive Area (F-3)
494-5059
Rock climbing, hiking and geological sightseeing among unusual limestone formations. South of Butte, off I-15.

Neversweat and Washoe Railroad, 723-8343
Train carries passengers on a guided tour from Rocker and World Museum of Mining to the Kelley Mine. Seasonal. Fee.

Our Lady of the Rockies
800-800-LADY or 782-1221
90-foot statue atop the Continental Divide, E of Butte; 8,500 feet above sea level. Tours (fee); gift shop at 434 N. Main.

St. Lawrence Church, 782-9220
Built in 1897 with donations from Butte miners and their families at a cost of $25,000. Hand-carved altars, some made of marble and brass; 40 frescoes. Open Fri. and Sun., 1308 N. Main. Seasonal.

U.S. High Altitude Sports Center, 494-3406
Training facility for Olympic-class athletes; site of world-class speed-skating competition. Located on Continental Drive.

World Museum of Mining, 723-7211
This 1899 mining camp covers 12 acres and includes 3 dozen structures located at the base of a real mine headframe on W. Park St. near Montana Tech campus. Open 9–9 summer, limited fall/spring hours. Fee.

DEER LODGE (E-4)

846-2094
"Do time" in Deer Lodge, home of the historic Montana Prison. In fact, visitors will find plenty of history in Deer Lodge at one of many museums, including the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. Recreational opportunities abound in the nearby Deerlodge National Forest.

Frontier Montana, 846-0026 or 846-3111
Western and saloon memorabilia collection, 1153 Main St. Seasonal. Fee.

Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
846-3388
Located on the northern outskirts of town, this historic treasure was headquarters for an 1800s cattle empire that grazed cattle in four states and Canada. See livestock, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, wagon collection and more. Elegant ranch house can be seen on guided tour. Fee.

Montana Law Enforcement Museum
846-3111
Pay tribute to law enforcement officers at this museum, located in the historic prison. Seasonal. Fee.

Old Montana Prison, 846-3111
This castle-like stone structure at 1106 Main St. was the first territorial prison in the western U.S. Vacated in November 1979, it is now a museum with guided and self-guided tours. The "Old Prison Players" theater group offers a variety of comedy, musicals, melodrama. Seasonal. Fee for both.

Powell County Museum, 846-3294
or 846-3111
Area artifacts, local history, art gallery; located in the Old Prison Complex. Seasonal.

Towe Antique Ford Museum, 846-3111
This superb antique car collection of more than 100 cars traces the development of the automobile industry from Henry Ford's first production model through the classic Fords of the '50s, '60s and '70s. Located in the Old Prison Complex. Fee.

Yesterday's Playthings (A Toy Museum)
846-1480 or 846-3111
More than 1,000 dolls and toys that span a century. Old Prison Complex. Seasonal. Fee.

DILLON (G-4)

683-5511
This farm and ranch community claims the perfect mix of culture, history and recreation. **Western Montana College** (683-7011) features an art gallery and the Seidensticker Wildlife Collection. Summer theater, museums, unique architecture, recreation and historic sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail all make Dillon a fun-filled stop.

Beaverhead County Museum, 683-5027
Explore southwestern Montana history at this impressive local museum located at 15 S. Montana, near the visitor center. Indoor and outdoor displays, artifacts, photos and taxidermy. Downtown historic walking tour. Open March–Nov.

Beaverhead Rock State Park, 994-4042
In 1805, Shoshone Indian guide Sacajawea recognized this familiar landmark, which resembles a beaver's head. Located N of town on MT 41. Park undeveloped.

Clark Canyon Recreation Area (H-3)
683-6472
Excellent rainbow trout fishery. Popular area for boating, fishing, camping. Below the dam, the Beaverhead is one of Montana's blue-ribbon trout streams. Marina on site, fee for marina use.

Dillon Visitor Information Center
683-5511
Statewide travel information center located in old railroad depot, 125 S. Montana, features historical diorama of "Lewis and Clark Expedition at the Beavershead." Dillon began as a railroad town when the Utah and Northern Railroad (now Union Pacific) brought an end-of-track town called Terminus to the existing townsite in 1880.

ENNIS (G-4)

682-4388
A good-time Western town, Ennis is full of cowboys, anglers and outdoor recreationists. The Western flavor is for real and there's plenty of action along the boardwalk on weekends. Visitors will find nearly 3 million acres of publicly accessible national forest lands surrounding Ennis as well as access to one of Montana's best-known trout streams, the Madison River. The **Ennis National Fish Hatchery** on Varney Rd. (682-7635) propagates six strains of rainbow trout that produce 23 million eggs a year for stocking throughout the U.S.

Beartrap Canyon, 494-5059 or 683-2337
Part of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, this area NE of town is popular for hiking, fishing and whitewater rafting on the Madison River. Trail Creek Access Recreational Area (located at the head of the canyon below Ennis Lake) is the first fishing, picnicking and sightseeing park on the Madison designed for disabled use.

Madison Canyon Earthquake Area and
Visitor Center, 646-7369
On August 17, 1959, an earthquake slid half a mountain into the canyon, creating a giant dam and Quake Lake, an eerie reminder of nature's violence. Memorial Visitor Center is S of town on US 287. Seasonal.

HELENA (E-4)

800-7-HELENA or 442-4120
An 1864 gold strike touched off a boom era that transformed Helena into "Queen City of the Rockies" and Montana's capital city. Trace its history along main street, still known as Last Chance Gulch. View historic buildings and mansions dating back to the 1870s. Self-guiding brochures available at the Helena Chamber, 225 Cruse Ave. or at the Visitor Center off I-15. Water sports abound in the Helena area, from **Spring Meadow Lake State Park** (444-4720) located on the city's western edge, to outlying **Hauser Lake State Park** (444-4720), Canyon Ferry and Holter Lake recreation areas. Fee for both.

Archie Bray Foundation, 443-3502
Ceramic artists from throughout the world come to the "Bray" to work and study. Traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics and sculpture. Gallery, self-guided tour. 2915 Country Club Ave.

Canyon Ferry Recreation Area, 475-3310
This popular reservoir east of town provides excellent fishing, boating, sailing, camping and wildlife watching; 76 miles of shoreline. Bald eagle viewing in mid-November.

Gates of the Mountains, 458-5241
Commercial boat tours through spectacular Missouri River canyon, route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Hiking, boating, history, wildlife. N of town off I-15. Seasonal. Fee.

Grandstreet Theater, 443-3311
Live theatre Thursday-Saturday in historic brownstone building, 325 N. Park. Fee.

Holter Lake Recreation Area, 494-5059
Boating, fishing and camping on Holter Lake. Access to Gates of the Mountains Wilderness and Beartooth Wildlife Management Area. Fee.

Holter Museum of Art, 442-6400
Changing exhibits of contemporary and historic art in attractive downtown museum, 12 E. Lawrence. Tues.–Sat., 10–5; Sun., 12–5.

Last Chance Tour Train, 442-1023
One-hour narrated tour of historic downtown Helena begins at corner of 6th & Roberts, near State Capitol; mid-May to Sept. 30. Hourly, fee.

LEE KAISER

Big Hole National Battlefield

Kleffner Ranch, 227-6645
Visit one of Montana's most unique ranch properties—an octagonal stone house and three-story barn with 27,000 feet of floor space—both built in the late 1800s a few miles E of Helena. Historic lecture and tours by appointment.

Marysville
Once a thriving gold camp, now a small community with several buildings listed on the National Register; NW of town off Rt. 279.

Montana Historical Society, 444-2694
Mackay Gallery of Charles M. Russell art, Haynes Gallery of photography, changing exhibits, library, archives and museum store; 225 N. Roberts, near State Capitol.

Myrna Loy Center, 443-0287
Helena's showcase for national touring music, theatre and dance companies; festivals, conferences and films. Located in renovated county jail, 15 N. Ewing.

Original Governor's Mansion, 442-3115
Built in 1888, this Victorian mansion was the official residence of nine governors between 1913 and 1959. Guided tours, April-Dec. 304 N. Ewing.

Reeders Alley, 449-2552
Carefully restored area of early-day Helena, with shops, restaurant and visitor center. Representative of Helena's early mining era is the **Pioneer Cabin** (443-7641), located at the base of Reeders Alley. Built in 1864, this historic cabin houses many original furnishings. Seasonal or by appointment. 200 S. Park.

Sapphires
Dig for sapphires and other gems or take home some "paydirt" to sift through at Spokane Bar Mine (227-8989).

St. Helena Cathedral, 442-5825
Modeled after the cathedral in Cologne, Germany, and a replica of the Votive Church in Vienna, the Cathedral is a magnificent addition to its Rocky Mountain setting. 530 N. Ewing.

State Capitol, 444-4789
An imposing structure that reflects the Greek Renaissance style. Interior murals feature themes of Montana's past. Located at corner of 6th and Montana. Daily tours, Memorial Day to mid-Sept., group tours year-round.

PHILIPSBURG (E-3)
859-3388

Granite remnants of this once-thriving 1890s silver boomtown and a renovated business district are on the National Historic Register. A popular recreation area, **Georgetown Lake** is 10 miles from Philipsburg and offers a beautiful mountain setting, fishing, boating and camping. Try some prospecting at **Sapphire Gallery** (800-525-0169) or visit the **Granite County Museum & Cultural Center** (859-3388), home of the Ghost Town Hall of Fame. Seasonal. Fee.

TOWNSEND (E-5)
266-3911

A small town with a big Western feel. Stop by the **Broadwater County Museum** (266-5252) for the lowdown on area history; pick up maps at the Chamber of Commerce for self-guided tours through historic mining and scenic areas in the nearby Elkhorn and Big Belt Mountains.

WISE RIVER (F-3)
Surrounded by a half-million acres of peaks, lakes and headwaters in the Pioneer Mountains, Wise River offers some of Montana's most breathtaking scenery. The **Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway** (683-3900) offers 40 miles of backcountry driving that bisect the Pioneer Mountains between MT 43 and Hwy 278. Enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, the ghost town of Coolidge, remnants of the Elkhorn Mill and a narrow-gauge railroad that served the mill. **Crystal Park** (683-3900) features public diggings for smokey, amethyst and clear quartz crystals. Summer/fall travel recommended; popular snowmobile area in winter.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN GOLD WEST COUNTRY

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL—
Anaconda, early February
Chocolate bonanza, plus tours of historic Washoe Theater, Chocolate Story Hour for children, window decorating contest.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS—
Butte, March 16–17
The Irish and would-be Irish come home to Butte for parade, concerts, Blarney Stone Run and other spirited events.

MONTANA TRADITIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL—
Helena, June
The 1920s come alive with hot jazz and red-hot mamas. Prohibition jazz resounds through the city for 5 nights and 4 days.

4TH OF JULY RODEO & PARADE—
Ennis, July
One of Montana's favorite rodeos; parade down Main Street.

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH CELEBRATION—
Deer Lodge, 2nd weekend in July
The Old West comes alive with roping, branding, blacksmithing, special kids' programs and lots of demonstrations.

BANNACK DAYS—
Bannack, 3rd weekend in July
Return to Montana's Territorial Capital as it was a century ago, with stage coach rides, soap-making demonstrations, music, dancing and more.

TWIN BRIDGES FLOATING FLOTILLAS AND FISH FANTASIES—Twin Bridges,
3rd weekend in July
Fishing contests, wader races, fly casting contests, theatre, games and entertainment for all ages; floating parade on the Beaverhead River.

FLINT CREEK VALLEY DAYS—
Philipsburg, last weekend in July
Local celebration of art, history and good times, includes a ghost ride (bicycle tour of nearby ghost towns).

BIG SKY POWWOW—
Helena, late August
3-day powwow featuring Indian dancers and drummers from throughout the western states and Canada.

DILLON JAYCEE RODEO—
Dillon, Labor Day weekend
"Montana's Biggest Weekend" features rodeo Sun. and Mon., plus barbecue, parade and big-name entertainment.

For more information, contact:
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1155 Main St.
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722
800-879-1159 or 406-846-1943

Cattle Drive

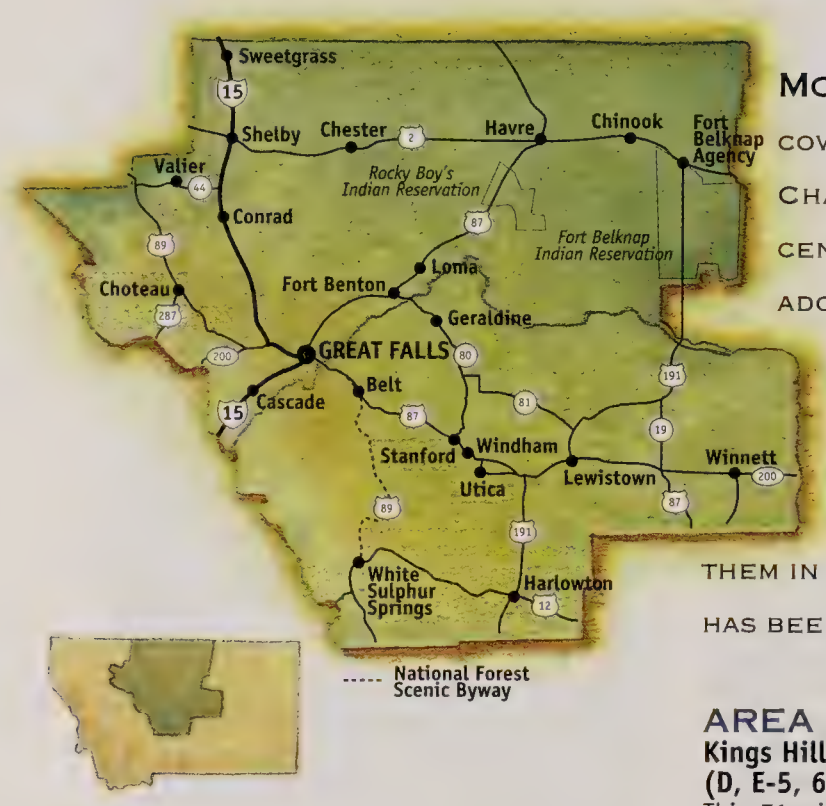
DONNIE SEXTON

RUSSELL COUNTRY

800-527-5348 OR 406-761-5036

HELMBRECHT STUDIO

Mercantile, Havre Beneath the Streets



MONTANA'S NORTHCENTRAL REGION IS NAMED FOR THE COWBOY ARTIST WHO CAPTURED THIS VAST AND VIVID LANDSCAPE ON CANVAS. CHARLIE RUSSELL LOVED THE WEST AS HE KNEW IT AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND MOURNED ITS LOSS AS WHITE CIVILIZATION ENCROACHED. HIS ADOPTED HOME WAS GREAT FALLS, WHICH HAS PRESERVED THE MOST COMPLETE COLLECTION OF RUSSELL ART AND MEMORABILIA AT THE C. M. RUSSELL MUSEUM. LEWIS AND CLARK EXPLORED THIS LAND VIA THE ORIGINAL HIGHWAY OF THE WEST, THE MISSOURI RIVER. MUCH OF THEIR ROUTE REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THE WAY IT APPEARED TO THEM IN 1805–06, ESPECIALLY THE STRETCH OF RIVER BELOW FORT BENTON THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE UPPER MISSOURI NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER.

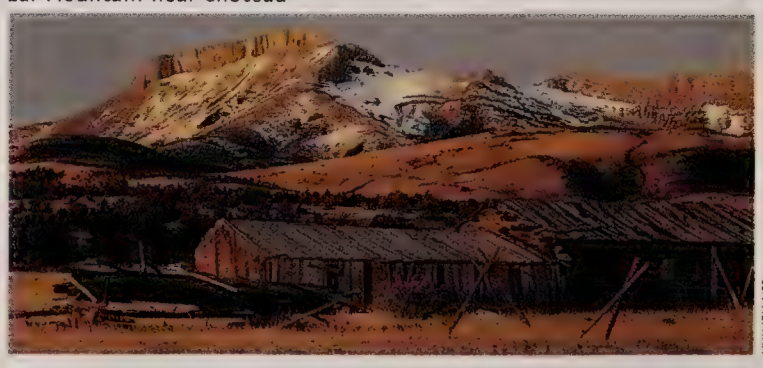
AREA ATTRACTIONS

Kings Hill National Scenic Byway (D, E-5, 6), 547-3361
This 71-mile scenic drive bisects the Little Belt Mountains between Jct. US 12/89 and Jct. US 87/89. Enjoy scenery, history and recreational opportunities, including hiking and fishing at **Sluice Boxes State Park** (454-3441), 5 miles S of Belt, off US 89.

Missouri Breaks National Back Country Byway (C-7, 8), 538-7461
An 81-mile loop starting and ending on US 191, S of the Missouri River. Also accessible from Winifred. Highlights include the Lewis and Clark and Nez Perce national historic trails, C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge and a side trip to the free McClelland Ferry across the Missouri River, April-Oct. Byway open year-round, weather permitting. High-clearance vehicle recommended; roads impassable when wet.

Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, (C-7), 538-7461
The Upper Missouri stretches 149 miles downriver from Fort Benton. In 1805-06, Lewis and Clark explored this river and camped on its banks. High-

Ear Mountain near Choteau



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Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River

DONNIE SEXTON

C. M. Russell Museum Complex, Great Falls

lights include the scenic White Cliffs area, Citadel Rock, Hole in the Wall, Lewis and Clark Camp at Slaughter River, abandoned homesteads and abundant wildlife. Commercial boat tours, shuttle service and rentals at Fort Benton and Virgelle. BLM visitor center open Memorial Day-Labor Day (622-5185).

BELT (D-5)

Stop by the **Belt Museum** (227-3616) for a look at local history and art. Built in 1895, the museum is the former city jail. Seasonal.

CHESTER (B-5)

759-5215

Visitors find plenty of recreation in this northern town. **Lake Elwell and Tiber Dam** (759-5200), located on the Marias River, offer camping, boating and fishing opportunities. Explore the **Liberty County Museum** (759-5256) and the **Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery** (759-5652) for area history and culture. Seasonal.

CHINOOK (B-7)

357-2100

A must-see while in Chinook is the **Bear Paw Battlefield**, 16 miles S of town on Hwy 240. One of Montana's three units of Nez Perce National Historic Park, it is the site of the surrender of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce Indians on Oct. 5, 1877. After a 1,700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph made his famous speech of surrender: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." Park ranger available year-round. Stop by the **Blaine County Museum** (357-2590) for more history, including Bear Paw Battlefield artifacts.

CHOTEAU (C-4)

466-5316

This friendly town along the Rocky Mountain Front features dinosaur digs, wildlife and scenery. Just W of town is the **Bob Marshall Wilderness** (466-5341) with access to 1.5 million acres of wildlands. **Pine Butte Swamp** (466-5526), also W of town, is a Nature Conservancy Preserve that protects a unique wetland along the Front. For a look at fossils, dinosaurs, Indian artifacts and history, stop at the **Old Trail Museum** (466-5332). Paleontology programs are available for adults and children.

FORT BELKNAP AGENCY (B-8) 353-2527

Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, located between the Milk River and Little Rocky Mountains, is home to the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine tribes. Guided tours are available to Snake Butte, Mission Canyon, Bear Gulch and St. Paul's Mission. Watchable wildlife include a buffalo herd, deer, antelope, migratory waterfowl and upland birds. Annual events include Milk River Indian Days and Hays' famous all-Indian Rodeo, Powwow and Fair (both in July).

FORT BENTON (C-6)

622-5494

As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, this Missouri River town was the world's innermost port and "toughest town in the West" from 1860 to 1887. Today it is a gateway for exploration of the Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River. Visit the **Museum of the Northern Great Plains**, Montana's agricultural museum, and the **Museum of the Upper Missouri** for area history (both seasonal), and walk along the steamboat levee to relive Fort Benton's colorful river port history. **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, built in 1880, is one of Montana's oldest masonry buildings. Ferry crossings at nearby Carter and Virgelle operate March–Oct.

GERALDINE (C-6)

While in this small town, visit **Square Butte Natural Area** (538-7461). Designated in 1973 for its scenic, recreational and wildlife values, this imposing rock butte is home to elk, deer, mountain goats and hawks.

GREAT FALLS (C-5)

761-4434

Great Falls is Montana's second-largest city, located on the Missouri River among the five falls that were both a magnificent spectacle and formidable barrier to early river travel. This area held great significance for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The explorers were forced to spend nearly a month portaging around the falls in June 1805. Much of the Missouri River in this area remains as it was when Lewis and Clark first viewed it 190 years ago. The "Great Falls" of the Missouri is now the site of Ryan Dam, but may still be visited. Great Falls was also the home of cowboy artist Charlie Russell (1864–1926) whose original home and log studio are now part of the C. M. Russell Museum Complex. For an overview of the city, stop at the **Great Falls Information Center** (771-0885) at Overlook Park on Upper River Rd., also the site of a large Lewis and Clark sculpture by Bob Scriver. Soak up some local culture at the **Montana Cowboys Bar and Museum** (761-9299), 311 3rd St., N.W., or at **Mehmke's Steam Engine Museum** (452-6571) 10 miles E on US 87.

Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge 727-7400

12,500-acre refuge with 5,000-acre marshy lake offering wildlife watching and photography. 14 miles N of town on Bootlegger Trail.

C. M. Russell Museum Complex, 727-8787

World's most complete collection of Charles M. Russell's original art and memorabilia, plus works by his contemporaries: Reiss, Seltzer, Wieghorst, Heikka, Sharp. Browning Firearms Collection. Museum, original log cabin studio and Russell home make this a must-see attraction. Fee. 400 13th St. N.

Giant Springs Heritage State Park 454-5840

This lovely park preserves one of the largest natural, cold water springs in the world. Flow from the springs supports a state trout hatchery and also qualifies as the shortest river in the world, the Roe River. Visitor center, picnic sites, river drive and overlooks. Fee. River Drive, E of town.

Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum, 731-2705

Aircraft and missiles on loan from the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, historical military displays. East edge of town.

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art 727-8255

The Square, built in 1895, now houses the **Cascade County Historical Museum** (452-3462), plus art galleries, contemporary and historical exhibitions, a tea room and gift shop. 1400 1st Ave. N.

Ulm Pishkun State Park, 454-5840

Prehistoric bison kill site consists of a mile-long buffalo jump, or pishkun, thought to be the largest in the United States. Take Ulm exit, 10 miles S of town on I-15, then 4 miles NW on county road.

HARLOWTON (E-7)

632-4694

A convenient stop at the junction of US 12 & 191. Of special interest are the E-57B Electric Train Park and a pioneer bronze sculpture, entitled "And They Called the Land Montana." The **Upper Musselshell Museum** (632-5519) includes a general store, Indian artifacts, pioneer home, *Avacertops lammersi* dinosaur display. Chief Joseph Park, off US 12, features camping, scenic walkways, a fishing pond and playground.

HAVRE (B-7)

265-4383

Enjoy history and recreation in this northcentral town located between the Milk River and the Bears Paw Mountains. A 10,000-acre preserve—**Beaver Creek Park** (395-4565)—is the nation's largest county park, offering great fishing in two lakes, camping, picnicking and scenic views. **Fresno Reservoir** offers similar opportunities, plus boating, 12 miles W of town. The **Havre Badlands**, 8 miles NW, showcases unusual landscape and geological formations, fossil evidence and archaeological finds. In town, visit the **Northern Montana College Collections** (265-3757) for its Indian artifacts and an understanding of the area's natural history. 300 W. 11th, Math-Science Bldg.

Fort Assinniboine, 265-4000
Largest military fort west of the Mississippi when constructed in 1879. Daily tours begin at H. Earl Clack Museum. May–Sept. Fee.

Havre Beneath the Streets, 265-8888
Developed during construction of the Great Northern Railroad a century ago. Explore a hidden community that included the Wah Sing Laundry, Tamale Jim's, a bordello, opium den, bakery, mercantile and more. Tour available. Fee. 100 Third Ave.

H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, 265-4000
See exhibits, dioramas, collections of horse-drawn equipment and farm machinery, artifacts from the Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Kill Site. Lecture/tour program. Seasonal. US 2 at fairgrounds.

Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, 395-4282
Home of the Chippewa and Cree tribes. Located in the foothills of the Bears Paw Mountains. Annual powwow first weekend in August.

Wahkpa Chu'gn Archaeology Site
265-6417 or 265-7550
Largest and best-preserved bison kill site in this area of the plains. Guided tours, summer evenings. Fee.

LEWISTOWN (D-7)

800-216-5436 or 538-5436
Located at the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post. Self-guiding tour brochures available for areas listed on the National Register: Silk Stocking and Central Business districts, Courthouse Square, Judith Place and Stone Quarry. For area history and culture, visit the **Central Montana Museum** (538-5436) on E. Main and the **Lewistown Art Center** (538-8278) on 8th Ave. N. **Big Spring Trout Hatchery** (538-5588), S of town on Hwy 238, is the state's largest coldwater production station for several species of trout and kokanee salmon. Headquarters for the **C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706) is located on Airport Rd., and features an exhibition pasture of bison.

Charlie Russell Chew-Choo, 538-5436
Tour central Montana by rail during a 3 1/2-hr. ride aboard the Central Montana Rail. While aboard, enjoy the landscapes that inspired Western artist C. M. Russell. Seasonal. Fee.

Crystal Lake, 566-2292
Located in the Big Snowy Mountains, S of town, this area offers excellent hiking and camping, plus fossil and ice cave exploration.

James Kipp Recreation Area, 538-7461
Located on the C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, N of town on US 191; access to Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River and Fort Peck Lake.

Judith Peak Recreation Area, 538-7461
Located in the Judith Mountains N of town, follow a gravel road to the summit for outstanding 100-mile views of surrounding mountains and prairies. Ghost towns of Maiden, Gilt Edge and Fort Maginnis nearby.

War Horse National Wildlife Refuge
538-8706
East of town, off MT 200, this remote preserve offers excellent spring waterfowl viewing.

LOMA (C-6)

This tiny community has two interesting museums. Visit the **Earth Science Museum** (739-4357) for a look at gems, minerals, fossils and Indian artifacts. The **House of a Thousand Dolls** (739-4338) displays dolls and toys from 1830 to present. Seasonal. Fee. Cross the Missouri River by ferry upriver at Carter or downriver at Virgelle; both ferries operate March–Oct. Fee after 7 p.m.

MARTINSDALE (E-6)

Home of the **Charles M. Bair Family Museum** (727-8787). Explore this treasure trove of European antiques, Indian artifacts and original art by C. M. Russell, Joseph Henry Sharp and others. The museum was the home of sheep rancher Charles Bair and his daughters, Marguerite and Alberta, who left it for the public to enjoy. Seasonal. Fee.

SHELBY (B-5)

434-7184
Shelby is located at the junction of US 2 and I-15, 35 miles S of the Canadian border. Visit the **Marias Museum of History and Art** (434-2551) for a look at area history, homesteading, dinosaur collection and Dempsey-Gibbons fight memorabilia. Tours year-round. For outdoor recreation, visit **Lake Shel-oole** at Shelby's northern edge.

STANFORD/UTICA (D-6)

Enjoy area history at the **Judith Basin Museum** (566-2281 or 566-2974) and the **Utica Museum** (423-5208). Enjoy fishing and water sports at **Ackley Lake State Park** (454-3441). The **Judith River Wildlife Management Area** (454-3441) at the edge of the Little Belt Mountains is a good place to view large elk herds, late fall/winter. It was in this area that cowboy artist Charlie Russell took one of his first jobs in Montana as a night wrangler on a Judith Basin cattle drive.

VALIER (B-4)

This small town has a big lake, **Lake Frances**, that offers year-round recreation opportunities including ice-boating in winter.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS (E-5) 547-3932

Full of Western flavor, this town welcomes visitors to museums, history and recreation. Enjoy the mineralized hot springs for which the town was named at **Hot Sulphur Springs** (547-3366). Fee.

Charlie Russell Chew Choo, Lewistown

Visit **The Castle** (547-3370), an imposing mansion built in 1892 that now houses the Meagher County Museum. Seasonal. Fee. Weathered homes and outbuildings at the nearby **Ghost Town of Castle** are all that remain of the 1880s silver mining boom. Also in the area is the blockhouse at Fort Logan, a frontier military site NW of town.

WINDHAM (D-6)

Nestled in beautiful Judith Basin, Windham displays area history, farming, mining and gems at the **Sod Buster Museum** (423-5358).

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN RUSSELL COUNTRY

C. M. RUSSELL ART AUCTION—
Great Falls, March
Features live auctions and viewing rooms, open to the public. Several other art shows are held in Great Falls at the same time.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AND ART ON THE LEVEE—Fort Benton, 4th weekend in June
Parade, concert, art show and fireworks.

LEWIS AND CLARK FESTIVAL—
Great Falls, 4th weekend in June
Living history encampment, float trips on the Missouri.

DINOSAUR DAYS—Choteau, July
Open house at Old Trail Museum, tours of Egg Mountain and The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Swamp Preserve, parade.

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY—
Meagher County, July
Tours of The Castle in White Sulphur Springs, Bair Museum in Martinsdale, guest ranches and historic churches.

MARIAS FOUR COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—
Shelby, July
Toole, Glacier, Pondera and Liberty counties combine forces to stage this annual rodeo, with concerts and exhibits.

MONTANA STATE FAIR AND RODEO—
Great Falls, begins last Saturday in July
Eight days of concerts, rodeos and exhibits in Russell Country's largest city.

MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING—
Lewistown, 3rd weekend in August
Three days of cowboy poetry, music, cowboy art and gear show.

GREAT FALLS INTERNATIONAL DIXIELAND JAZZ FESTIVAL—
Great Falls, Labor Day weekend
Variety of bands with rotating music schedules, umbrella parade, jazz workshops.

HAVRE FESTIVAL DAYS—
Havre, mid-September
Parade, arts and crafts show, quilt show, doll show, concerts and powwow.

For more information, contact:
Russell Country
P.O. Box 3166
Great Falls, Montana 59403
800-527-5348 or 406-761-5036

YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

800-736-5276 OR 406-446-1005

M.D. COLEMAN

One of many breathtaking views along the Beartooth Highway

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AREA ATTRACTIONS

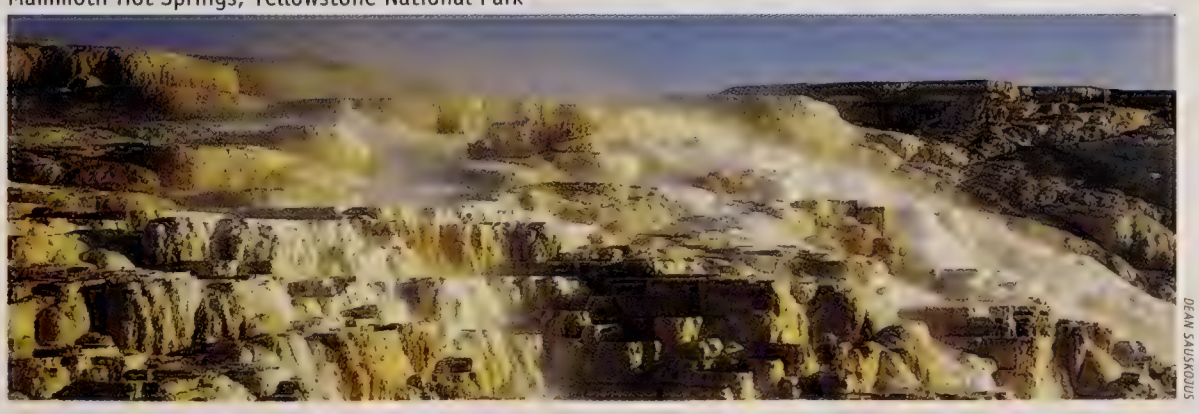
Yellowstone National Park (H-6)
307-344-7381

Enter the park from Gardiner on US 89, Cooke City/Silver Gate via the Beartooth Highway (US 212), or West Yellowstone at the junction of US 191/287 and 20. The world's first national park is renowned for its geysers, mud caldrons, canyons, rivers, lakes, waterfalls and wildlife. Yellowstone encompasses 2.2 million acres. The park closes early Nov. to vehicles, reopens mid-Dec. to mid-March or April for Nordic skiers and snowmobilers, and opens again to vehicles in spring. Weather determines all opening/closing dates. Call for details. Accommodations in the park are open May–Oct. and Dec.–March. For reservations, call 307-344-7311.

Yellowstone Institute (H-6), 307-344-2294

Headquartered in the park's northeast corner, this outdoor classroom offers field courses on the park's wildlife, plants, geology and history.

Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone National Park



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Area attractions, cities and towns are keyed to the map on page 22. All Montana phone numbers are reached by area code 406. Phone number for local chamber is listed with city or town where applicable. Seasonal attractions are generally open during the summer months only.

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES/BRUCE SELYEM

Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman

BOB ALLEN

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

Beartooth Highway (G-7)
446-1718 or 446-2103
Designated a National Forest Scenic Byway, the Beartooth Highway has been described by former CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as "the most beautiful drive in America." Reaching heights of nearly 11,000 feet, this 69-mile, 3-hour drive offers skytop views of snowcapped peaks, glaciers, alpine lakes and plateaus. Seasonal.

Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (G-6)
657-6361 or 587-6701
Adjoining Yellowstone Park on its northern edge, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness adds nearly 1 million acres to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Within its borders are 28 peaks over 12,000 ft., including Montana's highest, Granite Peak, at 12,799 ft. Nearly 1,000 alpine lakes and more than 700 miles of hiking trails make this a prime backcountry destination for hikers, anglers and horseback riders. Major access points are from Billings, Big Timber, Livingston, Red Lodge and Cooke City. No motorized travel.

ABSAROKEE (G-7)

This scenic, small community is a gateway to fishing, hiking, camping and outdoor exploration along the Stillwater and Yellowstone rivers and the nearby Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

BIG SKY (G-5)

Home of **Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort** (995-5000 or 800-548-4486), this lively village is a year-round playground for outdoor recreationists. Golf, tennis, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, skiing and snowmobiling are all spoken here. Gondola rides offer spectacular views in the summer. Hiking is popular in the nearby **Lee Metcalf Spanish Peaks Wilderness** (587-6701). For an exquisite view of Lone Mountain, stop by **Soldier's Chapel** (995-4292), built in 1955 as a World War II memorial.

BIG TIMBER (F-6)

932-5131
Located at the foot of the Crazy Mountains, Big Timber offers a broad range of activities in a beautiful setting. Explore the Boulder Valley, fish blue-ribbon trout streams and stop by the **Yellowstone River Trout Hatchery** (932-4434) for an appreciation of cutthroat trout. Visit museums, galleries, antique shops and historic sites, including the **C. Sharps Arms/Montana Armory** (932-4353), **Shiloh Rifle Manufacturing Co.** (932-4454), **Victorian Village** (932-4378), **Sweetgrass and Sage Gallery** (932-5228) and the **Crazy Mountain Museum** (932-5126).

Greycliff Prairie Dog Town State Park (F-7)
657-2364
Sheepmen and cattlemen have always fought the prairie dog, but this community of burrowing rodents, 9 miles E of Big Timber, has been preserved. Interpretive signs. Fee.

Natural Bridge (G-6), 932-5131
Spectacular falls and river canyon along the Boulder River, 27 miles S of Big Timber on Rt. 298. Interpretive signs and trails. Fishing and access to Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

BOZEMAN (F-5)

586-5421 or 800-228-4224
Visitors will find a small town atmosphere with big city amenities in Bozeman. This town, beautifully situated at the base of the Bridger Range, blends spectacular recreation with art galleries, museums, symphony, opera, history and many one-of-a-kind Western stores. Walk through the **Montana State University** campus and the **South Willson Historic District** (586-5421 or 800-228-4224), a residential area featuring houses that range from large mansions to small cottages. Visit the **Gallatin Pioneer Museum** (585-1311) for area history and artifacts.

American Computer Museum, 587-7545
World's second museum devoted entirely to the history of the computer. Designed for visitors of all ages and levels of computer experience. 234 E. Babcock.

Bozeman Fish Technology Center, 587-9265
Observe many varieties of fish. Native American program, national historic site on premises, picnic area. 4050 Bridger Canyon Rd.

Emerson Cultural Center, 587-9797
Historic building used for visual/performing arts. Visitors will find artists at work, conversational French, swing dancing, cartooning classes, rock concerts and civic forums all under one roof. Call for a schedule of events. 111 S. Grand.

Gallatin Canyon (F, G-5)
80-mile drive S of Bozeman (US 191) parallels the Gallatin River, skirts the magnificent Spanish Peaks and enters the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Fishing, whitewater rafting, camping and wildlife viewing along the route.

Hyalite Canyon, 587-6920
Disabled-accessible recreation area with hiking trails, waterfalls, fishing, picnicking and camping areas. South on 19th Ave.

Museum of the Rockies, 994-2251
Take a walk through 4 billion years of Northern Rockies history at one of Montana's finest museums, located at the south edge of the MSU campus. Highlights include the Taylor Planetarium, a world-class dinosaur exhibit, Native American artifacts, Montana history, Tinsley Homestead, Kirk Hill Nature Trail, summer field courses in paleontology, traveling exhibits and gift shop. Fee.

BRIDGER (G-8)

662-3720
Gateway to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Drive SE on US 310 to Lovell, Wyoming, then N on Hwy 37 to reach **Devil's Canyon Overlook** (307-548-2251). This scenic view of Bighorn Canyon is where the canyon cross-cuts a 1,000-ft.-high segment of the fault that makes up the Pryor Mountains. The Pryor Mountains are home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s. Visitors may catch a glimpse of them at the **Pryor Mountains National Wild Horse Range** (657-6262), N of the overlook. This rugged, desert-like country offers hiking, birding, backcountry driving.

COLUMBUS (G-7)

322-4588 or 322-5523
This full-service community in the foothills of the Beartooths boasts the "most scenic route to Yellowstone Park" via MT 78 and US 212 over Beartooth Pass. Located at the confluence of the Stillwater and Yellowstone rivers, Columbus offers plenty of outdoor recreation. Visit the **Museum of the Beartooths** (322-4588) for an understanding of area history, including artifacts of the Rosebud River Crow Indians, Northern Pacific railroad memorabilia and World War II history. Seasonal. Look for the red NP caboose at the corner of 5th and 5th N.

COOKE CITY, COLTER PASS & SILVER GATE (H-6)

838-2272 summer; 838-2244 winter
With Yellowstone National Park and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness at their back door, these skytop communities offer hiking, fishing, horseback riding, pack trips, mountain climbing and more. Pink snow found only in a few places in the world and glaciers containing preserved grasshoppers are visible within hiking distance. Accessible year-round from Yellowstone's North Entrance at Gardiner and, during the summer, from the Beartooth Highway (US 212).

GARDINER (G-6)

848-7971
Gardiner is the only year-round, drive-in entrance to Yellowstone, making it a bustling town in any season. **Roosevelt Arch** has marked the North Entrance to Yellowstone since 1903, when President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated it before an estimated 5,000 spectators. **Jardine** , a nearby old gold mining town, offers a bit of area history.

LIVINGSTON (F-6)

222-0850

Downtown Livingston, a designated historic district on the National Register, encompasses 436 buildings, most within walking distance of one another. With the Yellowstone River flowing through town, Livingston is anglers' heaven, providing excellent floating and fishing access. Visit the **Lone Wolf Wildlife Museum** (222-6140), S of town in the Sleeping Giants Trade Center, for a good look at taxidermied animals native to the area. The **Firehouse 5 Playhouse** (222-1420) offers a night of live, community theatre. For environmental education, take in the **Federation of Fly Fishers Education Conservation Center** (800-618-0808) on S. B St.

Depot Center, 222-2300

Located in a restored Northern Pacific Railroad station, this museum houses railroad and western history exhibits and art shows. Seasonal. 200 W. Park.

Paradise Valley (G-6)

53-mile scenic drive, bordered by the magnificent Absaroka Range and the Yellowstone, longest free-flowing river in the U.S. and one of America's finest trout streams. Camping, fishing, floating and whitewater rafting.

Park County Museum, 222-4184

Housed in a turn-of-the-century schoolhouse, this museum features household displays, Indian artifacts, a stagecoach, sheep wagon and caboose. Seasonal. Fee. 118 W. Park.

RED LODGE (G-7)

446-1718

This historic mining town has roots that reach back to the European homes of its diverse founders. Situated at the base of the Beartooth Mountains, Red Lodge is one of Montana's premier ski destinations in winter; in summer, it draws hikers, anglers, campers, sightseers and Yellowstone Park visitors via the nearby Beartooth Highway. Enjoy native North American animals and the children's petting zoo at the **Beartooth Nature Center** (446-1133), and take in the area's history at the **Carbon County Museum** (446-3914), housed in the homestead cabin of John Garrison, subject of the movie "Jeremiah Johnson." Both seasonal.

Cooney State Park (G-7)
657-2364 or 962-3655 (winter)

Located N of town and W of Boyd on an unpaved road, this popular reservoir offers good walleye and rainbow fishing, boating and camping. Fee.

Red Lodge Historic District
446-1718 or 446-3914 (summer)

Buildings and houses on and off Main St. that were built between 1883 and 1910 during the coal mining boom. Remnants of the ethnic groups that settled Red Lodge are preserved in "Hibug" Town, Finn Town and Little Italy. These ethnic traditions are celebrated every August during the 9-day Festival of Nations.

Smith Mine Disaster Site, 446-1718

In 1943, 74 men died in an underground explosion at this mine site. Tipple and several outbuildings still stand.

THREE FORKS (F-5)

285-3198

Situated just off I-90, this small town offers big outdoor recreation opportunities. Nearby **Missouri Headwaters State Park** (994-4042) preserves the historic place where Lewis and Clark discovered the confluence of the Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin rivers—headwaters of the Missouri. Campground, interpretive displays, hiking trails, fishing and floating are all found here. Fee. Southeast of town on Buffalo Jump Rd., **Madison Buffalo Jump State Park** (994-4042) vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used by Indians 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over a cliff. Fee. For area history, visit the **Headwaters Heritage Museum** on Main St. Seasonal.

WEST YELLOWSTONE (H-5)

646-7701

Known among winter recreationists as the "snowmobile capital of the world," this fun-filled town is Yellowstone Park's busiest gateway. A year-round outdoor recreation center, visitors can enjoy fly fishing, river rafting and cross country skiing in addition to snowmobiling. Learn about the "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Fires of '88" at the **Museum of the Yellowstone** (646-7814). Seasonal. And for a night of comedy, variety and melodrama, take in a show at the **Playmill Theatre** (646-7757). Seasonal.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, 646-7701

Statewide travel information, right outside the West Entrance to Yellowstone Park. Open year-round.

Grizzly Discovery Center
646-7001 or 800-257-2570

Educational facility devoted to the preservation of the grizzly bear and wolf. Fee. Near West Entrance to Yellowstone.

Yellowstone IMAX Theatre, 646-4100

Experience the grandeur of Yellowstone through the theatre presentation of "Yellowstone—Grizzlies, Geysers, Grandeur." Fee. Near West Entrance to Yellowstone.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

WORLD SNOWMOBILE EXPO—
West Yellowstone, mid-March
A snowmobile exposition with vendors, equipment, power pulls and drag racing.

COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO—
Bozeman, mid-June
A week-long college finals rodeo competition.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE ROUNDUP—
Gardiner, mid-June
Annual rodeo, parade and community dance.

LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP—
Livingston, July 4th weekend
Three-day rodeo and parade with lots of events and fireworks.

BIG SKY ARTS FESTIVAL—
Big Sky, 3rd week of July
Outdoor festival featuring music, food and art.

RENDEZVOUS—
Red Lodge, late-July to early-August
Authentic 1800s mountain man camp featuring goods, attire, games and entertainment of the era.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS—
Red Lodge, early August
Nearly 50 years old, this week-long event celebrates the community's ethnic heritage with food, crafts, customs and dance.

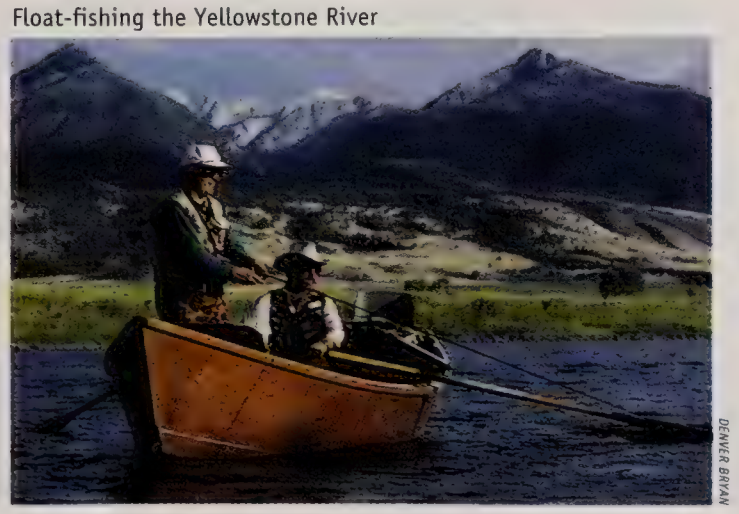
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS CONCLAVE—
Livingston, early August
Fly fishing experts from throughout the world conduct fly fishing/fly tying demonstrations and workshops. Largest show of its kind in North America.

RUNNING OF THE SHEEP—
Reedpoint, Labor Day weekend
One of Montana's smallest towns draws a big crowd for its annual sheep drive through the middle of town.

BUFFALO DAYS—
Gardiner, Labor Day weekend
A community event with parade, street dance and buffalo barbecue

For more information, contact:
Yellowstone Country
P.O. Box 1107
Red Lodge, Montana 59068
800-736-5276 or 406-446-1005

Float-fishing the Yellowstone River



DENVER BRYAN

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

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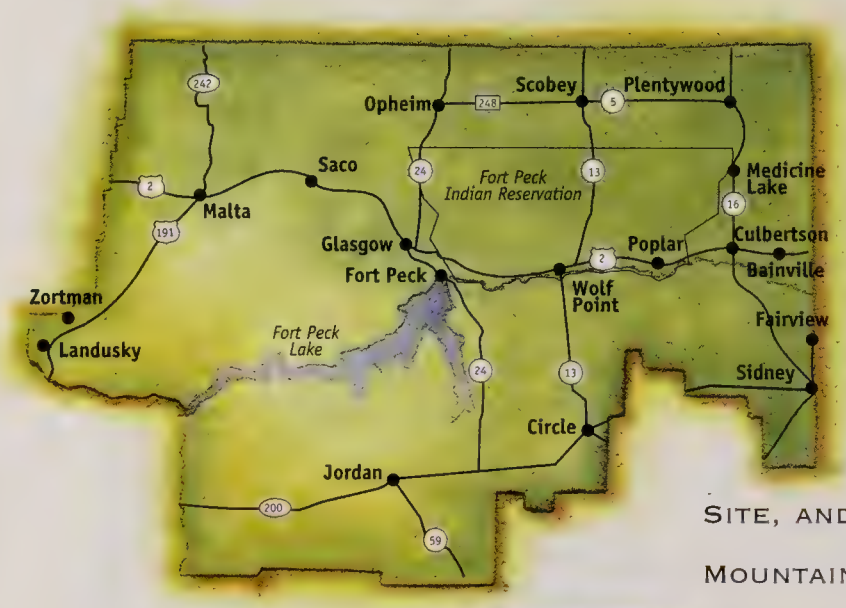
LARRY BURTON

Snowden Bridge, near Fairview



EVERYTHING ABOUT MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY IS BIG.

DURING PEAK MIGRATION PERIODS, MILLIONS OF WATERFOWL FILL THE SKY ABOVE THE MANY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS THAT DOT MONTANA'S NORTHEAST CORNER. GIANT FORT PECK LAKE HAS 1,500 MILES OF SHORELINE, AND THE C. M. RUSSELL WILDLIFE REFUGE SPRAWLS ACROSS A MILLION ACRES OF PRAIRIE WILDERNESS. THIS AREA IS AS RICH IN HISTORY AS IT IS IN WILDLIFE. THE WEST'S FUR TRADE ERA HAS BEEN PRESERVED AT FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, AND THE ROMANCE OF THE OLD WEST LIVES ON IN THE LITTLE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, A FAVORITE HANGOUT OF BUTCH CASSIDY AND KID CURRY.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Fort Peck Dam and Lake (C-10), 526-3431
One of the world's largest dams, Fort Peck Dam impounds the Missouri River to form a giant lake. Built in 1934–'40, the dam employed roughly 10,000 workers during the height of the Great Depression. Today, the area offers boating, fishing, camping, sightseeing and wildlife viewing. Powerhouse tours daily in summer. Museum open year-round.

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (C-8, 9, 10), 538-8706
A million acres of wildlands surrounding Fort Peck Reservoir. This wildlife-rich area consists of prairies, pines, breaks and badlands, camping, boating, wildlife viewing. Two-hour, 20-mile auto tour route begins and ends on US 191 N of the river, and offers views of deer, waterfowl, raptors and, in season, the nation's largest remaining prairie elk herd.

Little Rocky Mountains (C-8)
An island of mountains on the plains, the area is rich in history and minerals. Gold-mining arrived in 1884 and by World War II the Little Rockies had yielded $25 million in gold. Campgrounds near Zortman and Landusky (645-1240) make good base camps for outings.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site (B-12), 701-572-9083
Missouri River's pre-eminent fur trading post from the 1830s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

WAYNE MUMFORD

Pronghorn buck

RODNEY SCHLECHT

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MICHAEL GRUMMETT

Red Bottom Powwow dancer

mix of riverboaters, fur traders, Plains Indian tribes and frontier capitalists. Bourgoise House, once the setting of elegant dinners for distinguished guests, is now a visitor center. Fort Union straddles the Montana-North Dakota border. Open daily.

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge (B-12), 789-2305
This important refuge for birds supports spring and fall migrations that bring 100,000 to 250,000 waterfowl. Other seasonal visitors include sandhill cranes and an occasional whooping crane. The refuge encompasses a small prairie wilderness and an 8,000-acre lake. Open year-round for walking tours; seasonal self-guided auto tour.

BAINVILLE (B-12)

Visitors to this eastern Montana town enjoy the **Bainville Historical Association Museum** (769-2596), which features a pioneer bedroom, kitchen, music room, old jail and 1929 fire truck.

CIRCLE (C-11)

485-2414
Located in the heart of the prairie, Circle's **McCone County Museum** (485-2414) interprets the development of this vast country plus Indian artifacts and fossils. Fee.

CULBERTSON (B-12)

787-6320
Culbertson greets travelers at the **Culberston Museum and Visitor Center** (787-6320). Museum features nine historical rooms. Seasonal.

FAIRVIEW (C-12)

747-5259
Just north of Fairview is Fort Union, one of the most famous frontier trading posts of all time. Visitors will also find Fort Buford, a military fort, and **Snowden Bridge,** the last dual transportation (autos/trains) bridge in the country.

FORT PECK (C-10)

Best known as the home of Fort Peck Dam, this small town offers big recreation and entertainment opportunities. **Fort Peck Theatre** (228-9219) offers summer musicals and drama. The **Powerhouse Museum** (526-3431) has an impressive display of fossils.

GLASGOW (B-10)

228-2222
Besides unlimited recreation at nearby Fort Peck Lake and the **Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706), Glasgow is rich in Hi-Line history. Visit the **Pioneer Museum** (228-8692) for its fossils and Indian artifacts, plus railroad, early business, aviation and wildlife collections. Seasonal.

JORDAN (D-10)

557-2232
Also near the **Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706), Jordan offers plenty of outdoor recreation and watchable wildlife. The **Hell Creek Recreation Area** (232-4365) provides access to Fort Peck Lake and excellent water sports opportunities. Visitors can glimpse area history and fossil exhibits at the **Garfield County Museum** (557-2517). Seasonal.

MALTA (B-8)

800-704-1776 or 654-1776
Home of ranchers, abundant wildlife and unlimited outdoor recreation, Malta is a friendly stop along US 2, known in Montana as the Hi-Line. Visit the **Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge** (654-2863) for opportunities to view more than 200 bird species, deer, antelope and upland game. **Nelson Reservoir** (654-1776) boasts excellent walleye and northern pike fishing, water sports and abundant waterfowl. For area history, visit the **Phillips County Historical Museum** (654-1037). Seasonal.

PLENTYWOOD (A-12)

765-1320
Just south of a 24-hour Canadian border station, Plentywood is a major gateway to Montana. This lively, small town features exotic animal farm tours and a hot air balloon rally in August. The **Sheridan County Museum** (765-2219) features the state's longest interior mural, depicting the history of the county. Seasonal.

POPLAR (B-11)

768-3336
Located on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Poplar offers plenty of Indian culture. The reservation is home to the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. The **Poplar Museum** (768-5212) and **Tribal Museum** (768-5155) feature tribal history and artifacts. Seasonal. There are many tribal celebrations throughout the year, including the Iron Ring Celebration and "Wadopana—Last of the True Powwows."

SACO (B-9)

527-3361
Chet Huntley, late news commentator, began his education at **Huntley School,** now a restored one-room building (527-3312).

SCOBEY (A-11)

487-5502
Located in the heart of grain and cattle country, Scobey is the home of the **Pioneer Town and Museum** (487-5965), largest homestead museum in the Northwest. Seasonal.

SIDNEY (C-12)

482-1916
Visitors will enjoy the **MonDak Heritage Center** (482-3500), which features extensive exhibits of area history, art exhibits and a research library. Closed January. Fee.

WOLF POINT (B-11)

653-2012
A small community on the edge of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Wolf Point visitors can make an appointment to see the nearby **John Deere Tractor Collection and Museum** (392-5224), or enjoy area history at the **Wolf Point Area Historical Society and Museum** (653-1912). Seasonal.

ZORTMAN (C-8)

Visitors to this eastern Montana town enjoy the nearby Little Rocky Mountains and the **UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge** (538-8706). Together with the surrounding C. M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, the UL Bend is the only place in Montana where elk still occupy their native prairie year-round. Other inhabitants are deer, pronghorn antelope, birds and small animals. Consult weather conditions before traveling from Zortman to the refuge.

GREAT DAYS TO BE IN MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

FORT UNION RENDEZVOUS—
Near Fairview, 3rd week in June
A traders' and trappers' reunion at the restored trading post of Fort Union, now a National Historic Site.

RED BOTTOM POWWOW—
Frazer, 3rd week in June
Historic Assiniboine celebration and powwow.

PIONEER DAYS & DIRTY SHAME SHOW—
Scobey, last weekend in June
Pioneer celebration that includes the Dirty Shame Show with dancers and Dixieland band.

GOVERNOR'S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT—
Glasgow, 2nd weekend in July
Hundreds of fishermen from the Midwest and Canada test their skills on Fort Peck Lake.

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE—
Wolf Point, 2nd weekend in July
Montana's oldest rodeo began as an Indian celebration and exhibition of riding feats. Now the longest running PRCA rodeo in Montana. Don't miss the Wild Horse Race.

RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO—
Sidney, 1st week in August
Rodeo, exhibits and activities.

SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIR—
Plentywood, 3rd weekend in August
Rodeo, night show and 4-H exhibits.

OIL DISCOVERY CELEBRATION AND POWWOW—Poplar, 4th weekend in August
Traditional powwow and Indian celebration.

ANNUAL MILK RIVER WAGON TRAIN—
Malta, 1st week in September
Parade, festivities and wagon train ride.

SADDLE CLUB WAGON TRAIN—
Culbertson, Labor Day weekend
Covered wagon and horseback rides through Montana foothills. Prairie dance and food.

For more information, contact:
Missouri River Country
P.O. Box 387
Wolf Point, Montana 59201
800-653-1319 or 406-653-1319

CUSTER COUNTRY

800-346-1876 OR 406-665-1671

SALVATORE VASAPOLLI

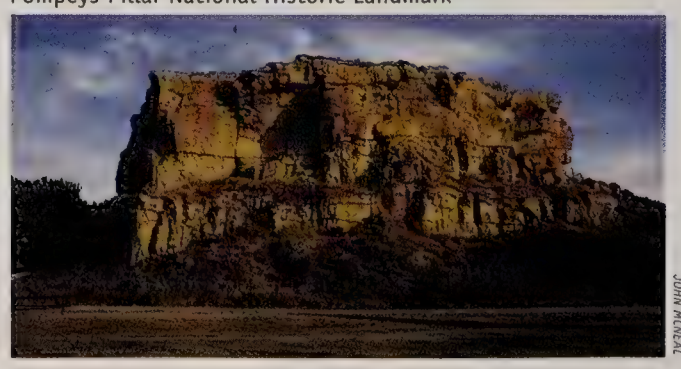
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

HISTORY IS THE LINK THAT UNITES MONTANA'S sprawling southeast corner. From prehistoric fossil beds and pictograph drawings to the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Custer Country stakes a sizeable claim on the history of the American West. The Little Bighorn National Monument near Hardin marks the spot where Lt. Col. George Custer was overwhelmed by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Pompeys Pillar preserves graffiti from Lewis and Clark's famed "Corps of Discovery." One of the rivers they traveled—the Yellowstone—still flows freely through Custer Country, and another great river—the Bighorn—flows out of beautiful Bighorn Canyon. Bighorn Lake and Tongue River Reservoir are popular fisheries.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (G-8), 666-2412
Stunning canyon scenery, hiking trails, naturalist-guided trips, boating, fishing and camping make this one of Montana's most attractive recreation sites; located on Hwy 313 S of Hardin. Bighorn Lake, created by 525-ft-high Yellowtail Dam, is located within the canyon's spectacular limestone walls. The lake is 71 miles long and provides great walleye fishing. Below the dam, Bighorn River is one of Montana's premier, year-round trout streams. Accommodations and services are available at Fort Smith, Hardin and Lovell, Wyoming. **Yellowtail Visitor's Center** (666-3234 or 666-2412). Open

Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark



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Range Riders Museum, Miles City

daily, May–Oct. Rangers present evening programs about the Bighorn Canyon area at Afterbay Campground, summer weekends.

Montana Agates (F-9 to C-12)
The lower Yellowstone River, between Custer and Sidney, is renowned for the quality and abundance of agates found on its banks. Sometimes called plume or moss agates, Montana agates are famous for the variety of scenic designs sealed permanently in the stones' interiors. Inquire locally for guide service or tips on searching out these gems. Petrified wood, colored jaspers and fossils are also common in the area.

Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark, 657-6262
Captain William Clark carved his name on this sandstone butte in 1806, the only remaining physical evidence along the trail of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Interpretive tours, visitor center. Located 28 miles E of Billings off I-94, along the Yellowstone River. Seasonal.

ASHLAND AND LAME DEER (G-10)
477-8844

Located on the **Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation** (477-6284), these two small towns are big in cultural appeal. A historical buffalo jump, burial sites of Indian chiefs, Custer's last camp before the Battle of the Little Bighorn, the Cheyenne Indian Museum, Ten Bears Gallery, St. Labre Indian School and the Ashland Powwow are of special interest in the Ashland area. Lame Deer is tribal headquarters and home of the Northern Cheyenne Powwow. **Cheyenne Trail Rides** available (784-6150).

BAKER (E-12)
778-2266

Stop at this friendly town on Montana's border for a glimpse of vintage clothing and the world's largest steer at the **O'Fallon Museum** (778-3265). Or cool off in Baker Lake. The lake offers fishing, boating, swimming, water skiing, picnic areas and softball complex.

BILLINGS (F-8)
800-735-2635 or 245-4111

Montana's largest city, Billings is a regional business hub as well as a cultural, medical, educational and entertainment center. Museums, art galleries, theaters and shopping are all part of the appeal of this vibrant city. Billings is home to Montana State University-Billings and Rocky Mountain College. Bordered on the north by distinctive rock formations known as rimrocks, Billings is a gateway to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn National Recreation Area, Yellowstone Park, the Yellowstone River and the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

Visitor Center and Cattle Drive Monument 800-735-2635 or 252-4016
Easily spotted by the heroic-size bronze sculpture of a cattle drover commemorating the "Drive of '89," Montana's Centennial Cattle Drive from Roundup to Billings. Visitor center has information on all area attractions. On S. 27th, near the I-90 interchange.

Alberta Bair Theater, 256-6052
Largest performing arts center in Montana, designed and equipped for local performers and professional touring companies. More than 100 events are scheduled annually. 2801 3rd Ave. N., downtown.

Billings Studio Theatre, 248-1141
Live theatre ranging from Shakespeare to Neil Simon. 1500 Rimrock Rd.

Black Otter Trail and Boothill Swords Park, 252-4016
Drive this scenic trail atop the rimrocks and visit the gravesite of famous frontier scout Yellowstone Kelly. Based on his wish, the site where he is buried, provides a view of five mountain ranges. Nearby Boothill Swords Park is the resting place of H. M. Muggins Taylor, army civilian scout who carried the word of Custer's defeat on horseback through 180 miles of hostile Indian territory to Fort Ellis near Bozeman.

J.K. Ralston Studio & Gallery, 254-0959
Famed Billings artist J.K. Ralston put the West on canvas in this small, rustic cabin, which has been restored and moved to the campus of Rocky Mountain College. Open weekends, Memorial Day–Labor Day. 1426 Rimrock Rd.

Lake Elmo State Park, 657-2364
This 64-acre lake in Billings Heights is popular for swimming, boardsailing and fishing. Fee.

Moss Mansion, 256-5100
This elegantly restored, turn-of-the-century mansion provides a glimpse into the life of Preston B. Moss, one of Billings' most prominent early residents. Guided tours, gift shop. Fee. 914 Division St.

Oscar's Dreamland, 656-0966
Private collection honors those who pioneered farming in the Northern Great Plains; historic farm machinery and more. Take I-90 Exit 446, then S. Frontage Rd. Seasonal. Fee.

Peter Yegen Jr. Yellowstone County Museum, 256-6811
Explore Old West history and Indian artifacts in a log structure museum near Logan International Airport. Open Tues.-Sun.

Pictograph Cave State Park 855-0253 (summer) 657-2364 (winter)
The remains of a prehistoric culture are preserved here. More than 30,000 artifacts from this park have been identified. Rock paintings are visible from a short, paved trail near the cave. Also popular with birders. Picnic sites. Fee.

Western Heritage Center, 256-6809
Featuring "Our Place In The West"—a social history of the Yellowstone Valley, plus changing exhibitions. Summer educational tours to cultural sites. 2822 Montana Ave.

Yellowstone Art Center, 256-6804
Located in the old county jail, this showcase for the arts features changing exhibits of regional, national and international art, both contemporary and historical. Open Tues.-Sat. 401 N. 27th St.

ZooMontana, 652-8100
View native and exotic animals in their natural habitat at this 70-acre wildlife park. Children enjoy the Montana Homestead petting zoo. Open daily, mid-April to mid-Oct. Fee. 2100 S. Shiloh Rd.

BROADUS (G-11)
436-2818

Located just W of the Powder River, visitors can stop by the **Powder River Historical Museum and Mac's Museum** (436-2276 or 436-2977) and admire the general store, original county jail, E.B. Ranch chuckwagon, antique cars, pioneer photos and Indian artifacts, plus minerals and more than 200,000 seashells. Seasonal. The **Powder River Taxidermy Wildlife Museum** (436-2538) features wildlife mounts, antique and commemorative guns and local art. Ask for directions to Reynolds Battlefield, 23 miles S of Broadus.

COLSTRIP (F-10)
748-5046

Known as the "energy capital of Montana," Colstrip is coal-mining country. Stop at the visitor center to learn about the history of this community, the operation of a coal-fired power plant and the workings of an open-pit mine. Tours Mon.-Fri., reservations appreciated.

CROW AGENCY (G-9)
Headquarters of the **Crow Indian Reservation** (638-2601) and close to the Bighorn Canyon Recreation Area and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Crow Agency becomes the "tepee capital of the world" in mid-August during the annual Crow Fair celebration. Cultural tours offered through Little Bighorn College (638-7211).

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (G-9), 638-2621
This site memorializes one of the last armed efforts of Northern Plains Indians to preserve their traditional way of life against the encroachment of white civilization. On June 25-26, 1876, 263 soldiers and personnel of the 7th Cavalry were killed by an overwhelming number of Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho warriors. Among the dead was Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Battlefield includes visitor center, museum, Custer National Cemetery, 7th Cavalry Memorial and Reno-Benteen Battlefield. Guided summer tours, interpretive programs and films. The battle is re-enacted each June. Fifteen miles S of Hardin on I-90.

CUSTER (F-9)
A friendly town along the Yellowstone River, visitors can enjoy agate hunting, fishing and rustic Boothill Cemetery. Nearby, at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone rivers, is the site of Fort Manuel Lisa, the first building in Montana built by white men.

DONNIE SEXTON

Moss Mansion library, Billings

DECKER (G-10)

Located on Montana's southern border, Decker offers access to two state parks. **Rosebud Battlefield State Park** (232-4365) is the undeveloped site of the 1876 battle between Sioux Indians and General George Crook's infantry. One of U.S. history's largest Indian battles, it set the stage for an Indian victory eight days later at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. **Tongue River Reservoir State Park** (232-4365) offers scenic boating, camping and great fishing. Concessions available seasonally.

EKALAKA (F-12)

775-6658

Home of one of the most significant local museums in Montana, **Carter County Museum** (775-6886) features many fossils, artifacts and prehistoric specimens, including the nearly complete skeleton of an *Anatosaurus*, or duck-billed dinosaur. Nearby **Medicine Rocks State Park** (232-4365 or 775-6658) was once a place of "big medicine," where Indian hunting parties conjured up magical spirits. Wind and water have sculpted soft sandstone into unusual forms. Limited facilities.

FORSYTH (E-10)

356-2123

On the banks of the Yellowstone River and the Lewis and Clark Trail, Forsyth offers area history at the **Pioneer Museum** (356-7547) and the **Rosebud County Courthouse** (356-7318), which is listed on the National Register. The three-story, neoclassical building is capped with an ornate copper dome. Inside are murals and stained glass.

FORT SMITH (G-9)

Bighorn River trout await the angler arriving in Fort Smith. Travelers can stop by the visitor center at Fort Smith for books, films, information on recreation and programs on the area's history.

GLENDIVE (D-12)

365-5601

This eastern Montana city boasts a badlands park, a great river and a wealth of history and pre-history. Visit the **Frontier Gateway Museum** (365-8168), 1 mile E of town, for a look at Plains Indian history and culture, farm and ranch history, and a frontier main street in miniature. Seasonal or by appointment.

Makoshika State Park, 365-6256

To the Lakota Sioux Indians, Makoshika meant "bad earth" or "bad land." Wind and water have created caprocks, pinnacles, hogback ridges and fluted hillsides. This 9,000-acre park also preserves the fossil remains of *Tyrannosaurus* and *Triceratops* dinosaurs. See fossils, including a *Triceratops* skull, on display in the visitor center. Located SE of town on Snyder Ave., the park offers scenic drives, nature trails, picnic sites, archery range and campground. Fee.

HARDIN (F-9)

665-1672

Western history comes alive in Hardin. Visitors will find activities and heritage at the nearby **Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Custer National Cemetery** and **Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.** Take Exit 497 off I-90 to reach the **Big Horn County Historical Museum and Visitor Information Center** (665-1671), which offers cultural exhibits, restored buildings, special events, picnic area, gift shop and statewide travel information. Visit the **Jailhouse Gallery** at 218 N. Center (665-3239) for its Indian culture, crafts, art exhibits and gift shop.

HUNTLEY (F-8)

Take a short diversion off I-94 to this valley of lush crops and the **Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture** (967-2680). The collection of agricultural artifacts is southcentral Montana's most impressive, with more than 5,000 items displayed.

HYSHAM (E-9)

Hysham visitors are greeted by a panorama of green fields, pasture lands and strips of grain. Popular recreation areas include the **Howery Island Wildlife Viewing Area** (232-7000) and Isaac Homestead Wildlife Management Area. Both offer wildlife viewing, fishing and more. For pioneer history, stop by the **Treasure County Museum/Manning Theatre.**

LAUREL (F-8)

628-8105

Located at the junction of great rivers and highways, Laurel is a convenient stop for travelers. **The Chief Joseph Statue** and **Canyon Creek Battlefield Marker** in downtown Fireman's Park commemorate the 1877 battle between the Nez Perce Indians led by Chief Joseph and the U.S. Cavalry under the command of Col. Samuel Sturgis.

MILES CITY (E-11)

232-2890

Miles City is a classic Western town, most famous for its annual celebration of cowboy culture—the Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale. For recreation, visit **Pirogue Island State Park** (232-4365), a great spot to view wildlife and hunt for agates.

Custer County Art Center, 232-0635

Located in a historic waterworks plant on Water Plant Rd., the center features the work of local, state and regional artists. The annual Western Art Roundup, with quick draw, cowboy poetry and auction, coincides with the world-famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale.

Fort Keogh

At one time the largest army post in Montana, Fort Keogh served from 1877-1908 as a major post at the close of the Indian wars. Several original buildings remain and the old parade grounds are still intact. Two miles SE of town.

Range Riders Museum, 232-6146

The impressive historic center on the west edge of town includes Fort Keogh Officers' Quarters, Pioneer Memorial Hall, Old Miles own Main Street, Heritage

Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument

R. VALENTINE ATKINSON

DONNIE SEXTON

Annual Crow Fair, Crow Agency

DONNIE SEXTON

Wagon train adventure in eastern Montana

Center, Indian artifacts and the 400-piece Bert Clark Gun Collection. Seasonal. Fee.

PRYOR (G-8)

Visit **Chief Plenty Coups State Park** (252-1289), home and burial site of Chief Plenty Coups, last chief of the Crow Indians. His log home and store remain as evidence of his efforts to adopt the lifestyle of the white man. Visitor center and interpretive displays explain the Crow culture. The park is 1 mile W of Pryor on the Crow Indian Reservation. Fee.

RICHEY (C-11)

Richey lies in the center of cattle, sheep and farm country. The **Richey Historical Museum** (773-5656) features more than 7,000 items, including a Model A mail car, blacksmith shop, pioneer kitchen, school and church memorabilia, newspaper files and period clothing. Seasonal.

ROUNDUP (E-8)

323-1966

Once a gathering point for large herds of cattle that grazed up and down the valley, Roundup is located on the Musselshell River near the Bull Mountains. The **Musselshell Valley Historical Museum** (323-1403) includes a pioneer-era cabin, 5-room house, coal mine and 7,000-sq.-ft. exhibit area. Seasonal.

RYEGATE & LAVINA (E-7)

Both towns are located in the beautiful Musselshell River Valley. Visitors will find great fishing along the river known for its catfish and trout.

TERRY (D-11)

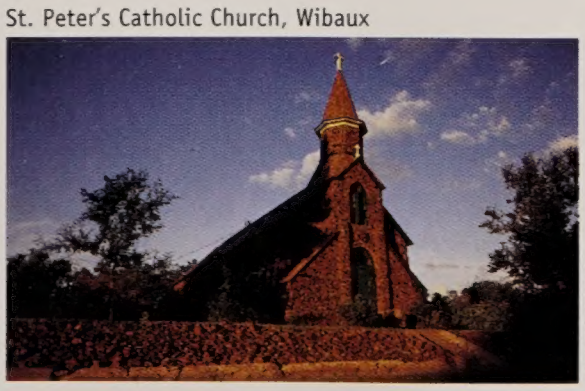
637-2126

Terry is nestled by the Yellowstone River in the heart of agate country. Visitors can discover Terry's history at the **Lady Cameron Museum** (637-5745), featuring photos of eastern Montana as seen through the eyes of a pioneer British immigrant (1894-1928). The **Prairie County Museum** (637-5745), housed in the old State Bank of Terry, is filled with horse and buggy equipment, household and business antiques. Both museums are seasonal. The nearby **Terry Badlands** (232-7000) provide a dramatic backdrop and recreational opportunities.

WIBAUX (D-12)

This gateway to Montana has a rich history. Stop by the **Wibaux County Museum and Visitor Information Center** (795-2427) for an introduction to the area and its history. The center includes the Pierre Wibaux House, built in 1892 as a town house and office building by Pierre Wibaux, notable open range cattleman. Visitors will also find farm and household items of early area settlers, Indian artifacts, Centennial Car Museum and statewide travel information. Open May–Sept. Another distinctive building is **St. Peter's Catholic Church** with its stained glass and lava rock exterior, built in 1885.

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Wibaux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GREAT DAYS TO BE IN CUSTER COUNTRY

BUCKING HORSE SALE—
Miles City, 3rd weekend in May
The Miles City Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale is one of Montana's most popular and thoroughly Western celebrations.

BUZZARD DAYS—
Makoshika State Park in Glendive, May
Buzzard Days welcomes back the turkey vultures to the park. Enjoy a day of fun-filled events.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT—
Hardin, June
The most famous Indian-U.S. Cavalry battle in history comes alive each June, held 6 miles W of Hardin. A military ball, rodeo and other entertainment round out Little Big Horn Days.

FORSYTH RODEO DAYS—Forsyth, June
The Northern Rodeo Association comes to Forsyth to put on one of its greatest rodeos ever. Here you'll see the best from all over the U.S.

ZOO GRASS FESTIVAL—Billings, June
Top-name musical acts perform under Montana's Big Sky to benefit ZooMontana.

FOURTH OF JULY—Roundup, July
A parade and fireworks are just part of a fun weekend that includes rodeo action by the Northern Rodeo Association.

CROW FAIR—Crow Agency, August
Crow Agency becomes the "tepee capital of the world" during this celebration of Indian culture that includes parades, rodeo, horse racing and dancing contests.

MONTANA FAIR—Billings, August
Montana's largest statewide event features a carnival, top name country music performances, rodeos, horse racing and 4-H projects from throughout Yellowstone County.

CATTLE DRIVE/WAGON TRAIN—
Broadus, August
Learn to trail cattle, pitch camp and ride horseback, or claim a seat in one of the wagons that travel through the rolling hills and pine-topped ridges of southeastern Montana.

HERBSTFEST—Laurel, September
Patterned after the German Oktoberfest, Laurel makes this event the most authentic German festival in the state.

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GLACIER COUNTRY

Always, 1989
Beethoven's 2nd, 1993
Cattle Queen of Montana, 1954
Dangerous Mission, 1958
Disorganized Crime, 1988
Forrest Gump, 1993
Heaven's Gate, 1979
Red Skies over Montana, 1950
The River Wild, 1993
Season of Change, 1991
Timberjack, 1951
Where the Rivers Rise, 1920
Winterhawk, 1974
Under Siege II: Dark Territory, 1995

GOLD WEST COUNTRY

A Thousand Pieces of Gold, 1989
Diggstown, 1991
Evel Kneivel, 1972
Fast Walking, 1980
Grey Eagle, 1977
The Last Ride, 1993
Little Big Man, 1970
Livers Ain't Cheap, 1995
Return to Lonesome Dove, 1993
Runaway Train, 1985

YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY

Amanda, 1995
A River Runs Through It, 1991
Amazing Grace and Chuck, 1986
Ballad of Little Jo, 1992
Cold Feet, 1988
Iron Will, 1993
Keep the Change, 1991
The Last Ride, 1993
Montana, 1989
Rancho Deluxe, 1974
Triumphs of a Man Called Horse, 1983
True Colors, 1990

RUSSELL COUNTRY

Broken Arrow, 1995
Heartland, 1979
Holy Matrimony, 1993
The Stone Boy, 1983
Telefon, 1977
Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, 1974
The Untouchables, 1987
War Party, 1987

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY

Firefox, 1982

CUSTER COUNTRY

Bright Angel, 1989
Devils Horse, 1920
Far and Away, 1991
Josh and S.A.M., 1992
Legend of Walks Far Woman, 1979
Missouri Breaks, 1975
Pow Wow Highway, 1987
Return to Lonesome Dove, 1993
Son of the Morning Star, 1990
Stacking, 1986
Warpath, 1951

Moviemaking and Montana GO HAND IN HAND.

DIRECTORS LIKE ROBERT REDFORD (A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT) AND RON HOWARD (FAR AND AWAY) CHOSE FROM 147,139 SQUARE MILES OF DRAMATIC BACKDROPS AND NUMEROUS AUTHENTIC, OLD WEST SITES. SOME FAVORITE LOCATIONS FOR MOVIES, COMMERCIALS, TELEVISION AND "STILLS" HAVE BEEN THE STATELY MOSS MANSION IN BILLINGS, THE REVIVED NEIGHBORING GHOST TOWNS OF VIRGINIA CITY AND NEVADA CITY, INCOMPARABLE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, APTLY NAMED PARADISE VALLEY, GOLDEN WHEAT FIELDS NEAR GREAT FALLS AND THE HISTORY-RICH TERRITORIAL PRISON IN DEER LODGE. IF YOU'RE IN THE AREA, YOU MIGHT ENJOY VISITING A LOCATION WHERE ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES WAS FILMED TO EXPERIENCE MONTANA'S STAR QUALITY FIRST-HAND.

MOVIES

On location in Montana

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 406-526-3411
U.S. Bureau of Land Management 406-255-2888
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation 406-657-6202
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 303-236-7904
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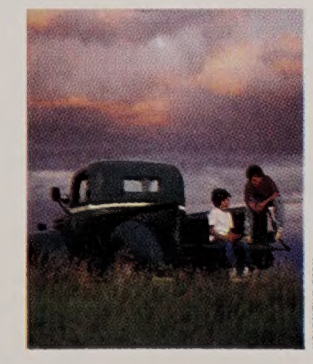
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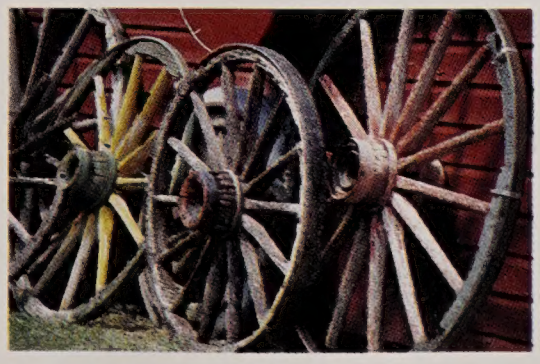
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MONTANA AT A GLANCE

Nickname: Treasure State

Population: 856,057 (1994 est.); ranked 44th

Indian population: 11 tribes on 7 reservations comprising roughly 6% of total population

Largest city: Billings (86,578)

Number of counties: 56

Cities and towns: 126

Area: 147,138 square miles (4th largest)

Density: 6 people per square mile

Highest point: Granite Peak, 12,799 feet

Lowest point: Kootenai River, 1,800 feet

DAVE MCGEE

Bitterroot

Highest temperature: 117° at Medicine Lake (July 5, 1937)

Lowest temperature: -70° at Rogers Pass (Jan. 20, 1954)

Capital: Helena

State flower: Bitterroot

State tree: Ponderosa pine

State bird: Western meadowlark

State animal: Grizzly bear

State fish: Cutthroat trout

State gemstones: Agate and Sapphire

State grass: Bluebunch wheatgrass

State fossil: Duck-billed dinosaur *(Maiasaura peeblesorum)*

State motto: *Oro y Plata* (gold and silver)

Major industries: Agriculture, travel & tourism, mineral production, wood & paper products, construction

AVERAGE DAILY HIGH AND LOW TEMPERATURE

	January		July	
CITY	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Billings	32.0	13.3	87.0	58.4
Bozeman	30.2	7.8	75.7	40.5
Butte	28.4	4.2	80.1	45.1
Great Falls	30.9	12.3	83.6	54.9
Havre	23.9	3.5	84.2	54.9
Helena	28.8	10.7	82.1	53.6
Kalispell	28.2	13.7	80.6	49.8
Miles City	26.3	5.7	88.9	60.1
Missoula	29.8	14.0	84.8	50.4

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